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Worth Checking Out

We want a department store

The assessment of American Stores representative Henry Englehardt notwithstanding (see story on this page), El Cerrito residents and the business community are mounting a campaign intended to convince a department store to come to El Cerrito Plaza. Copies of a petition being circulated and addressed to the Dillard's and Gottschalk's chains are available at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, 10848 San Pablo Ave. (hours 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Details: 526-7040.

AUSD forum cancelled

A n Albany Unified School District Board of Education community forum sponsored by the Berkeley-Albany League of Women Voters to discuss facilities issues, in particular plans to use the Hill Lumber site for a new middle school, has been postponed due to holiday schedules. The forum, originally set for Dec. 6, may be rescheduled at a later date.

World AIDS Day

The 10th observance of World AIDS Day will be commemorated this year at the Albany YMCA, by bringing 180 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed today from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Friday Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the YMCA at 921 Kains Ave.

On Monday, Dec. 1, Anna Halprin, recently awarded the Scrips Lifetime Achievement Award, will be leading an evening of dance, titled "Positive Motion." The dance is an effort to bring the community together for an evening of support and healing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and also to remember those who have died of AIDS. The dance will be held at the Albany YMCA from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Both events are free. Details: 525-1130.

Library benefit raffle

The Exchange Club of Albany-El Cerrito is conducting a fund-raising drive benefiting the El Cerrito Public Library.

The group, with the assistance of El Cerrito-Albany Access and Friends of the El Cerrito Library, is selling tickets for a drawing, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase a sight machine for the library. Basically a magnification device, the approximately \$4,000 machine will be located at the El Cerrito and will allow visually impaired individuals to access written materials. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. First prize in the drawing, to be held Dec. 17, is \$500 cash; second prize is two nights at Reno's Circus Circus, \$100 cash and a luggage set; third prize is a Sony Boom Box. Tickets can be obtained at Chris's Pay Less Plumbing, 1207 10th Street, Berkeley, from any Exchange Club member, or by contacting Charlotte Ensmay at 525-1276. If you are interested simply in making a donation to "Sight Machines for the Visually Impaired" you can do so by sending a check to this same address.

El Cerrito Librarian Janet Hildebrand said this sight machine will be the first in Contra Costa County and will be of service to the communities of Kensington and Albany, as well as El Cerrito and other Contra Costa County cities. The Exchange Club asks that "you support our visually impaired neighbors by purchasing tickets or making a donation."

Toys and pancakes

The City of El Cerrito will present a benefit for the David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund, a Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Toy Drive, Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center 7007 Moeser Lane. Tickets are \$5 per person. Toy barrels will be provided by the El Cerrito Fire Department. Also, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and face painting will be available for an additional charge. Details: Judie Bellotti, 215-4371.

Rainhat stories

The El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., will hold a Rainhat Storytelling Program on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 5-12. Stories and simple paper craft will be introduced. Parents are welcome to participate. This free program will last 45 minutes to an hour. Details: 526-7512.

Frenzy over El Niño catching up with Albany

■ Memories of last year's flooding and sewer overflow still linger.

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The raindrops are pattering, pattering, touching alike upon the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak, the happy and the sad. On a Friday afternoon when the sky is dark and gray and pregnant with rain, cars drive with their headlights on at three o'clock in the afternoon, as if in anticipation of predicted storms that, at least this weekend, never arrive.

Near Caltrans' massive I-80 widening project in southwest Albany, crews oblivious to a light drizzle, continuing their work driving steel piles into the earth with a sound that resembles gunshots ringing through the calm, moist air. On Eastshore

Highway, a few hundred yards away, two men put the finishing touches on another, smaller project: a pair of two-foot-high concrete walls designed to stave off flooding from nearby Codornices Creek.

In January, the businesses these walls now protect found themselves awash as a result of downpours of such intensity they are said to occur only once every 25 years. Now, in late November, a new set of storms is supposed to be coming, part of the much-anticipated, in many cases dreaded, meteorological phenomenon the experts call El Niño.

El Niño — good for business

Around town they are preparing: filling sandbags, establishing protocols, clearing storm drains in anticipation of rains that could produce floods of gargantuan proportion. In some cases, there are steps to be taken, while in others, one can do little more than wait. On

Eastshore Highway, Jeff Critchfield, a contractor whose wife co-owns the auto repair shop protected by the walls he just built, says the news is not all bad, for building walls means work, which in turn means money, even though, as a result of other operations in the area, those walls might no longer be necessary, he says.

"El Niño has been good to me so far," Critchfield says as another man finishes leveling the dirt before the two walls. Critchfield and his colleague are not the only two who have been busy here in the flood plain: another hundred or so yards up the creek, crews from Union Pacific recently dealt the final blow to railroaders' camps that have graced the railroad tracks since as long ago as the 1920s.

Not even a year ago, in the high brush that once lined the creek just

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A Cadillac hubcap hung as ornamentation is one of the last remnants of a squatters' camp cleared in part because of flood concerns.

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House tour filled with ideas



This striking contemporary home combines stucco and wood-clad volumes, angles and arcs, squares and rectangles and steel and concrete for a highly disciplined design. It's one of the seven remarkable homes in the Prospect Sierra School Home Tour and Raffle to be held on Dec. 7. The tour benefits the El Cerrito independent school's financial aid and other programs. Details: 527-4155.

Plaza co-owner readying latest proposal for center

■ The approved site plan will be a major consideration, says American Stores representative Henry Englehardt.

By Chris Treadway

EL CERRITO — The latest vision of a revitalized Plaza includes a town center, street grid and a restored creek, but no housing and likely no department store. That was the message delivered last week by Henry Englehardt, the representative of American Stores, half of the partnership seeking to breathe new life into the aging shopping center.

For the first time in the center's history, the major property owners are working together as partners and appear to have common goals. But the project is far from home free.

Compromise was a word Englehardt didn't use at his talk before the Rotary Club of El Cerrito last week, but he gave every indication that compromise is what it will take to make the project a reality. And he believes all the parties involved are ready to do just that.

Balancing each of the owners' desires, incorporating the city's approved site plan, wending successfully through the approval process and phasing different stages of demolition, construction and remodeling will be a "big juggling act" that will take at least three years to complete, he said.

"Some place in the middle, that's what we're working toward in the next couple of years," Englehardt said. "We want to have something that's not only a commercial success, but also something the community can be proud of. We want an ongoing viable project for the next 50 years."

The result, he said, would be a "hybrid" between a traditional shopping center and the lower-key commu-

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What will 'new' Plaza look like? And why can't El Cerrito have a department store?

Ask most people in the area about the Plaza and they will agree that they want the Emporium (or Capwell's) back. And on the surface it makes sense because the chain always claimed its El Cerrito store showed a profit.

But the Emporium chain went belly-up and the criteria for choosing a department store location are quite different than they were some 40 years ago when the Plaza opened. Demographics are just part of the equation. The Plaza has convenient freeway access (although Central Avenue can be a bottleneck), but retailers of that stripe want freeway visibility.

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce recently wrote a letter to the Dillard's chain asking it to consider the Plaza for a location. But Henry Englehardt, who specializes in leasing for such projects said "We can't do Dillards. They don't want to be here."

Department stores "like to group together," he said, and the reality is that the number of department store chains is dwindling. Those that remain demand a significant amount of land and a significant amount of "discount" (clearing and sanitizing property at a hefty cost before selling or giving it to the retailer). The Plaza property is too small to entice more than one department store, he said.

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GGF borrows page from casino for 'team' approach

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Ah, the racetrack, an institution that conjures images of winning on outrageous longshots, or losing on sure things, or of the jockey who pleaded guilty this summer to throwing a race at Bay Meadows, telling a judge he feared for his life in that a fellow jockey, once suspended for the same, was found dead under the Dumbarton Bridge. At Golden Gate Fields, however, such images might now be overshadowed by "team member spirit", which racetrack workers received in a hefty dose at an employee-only pep rally last week.

The rally, held to celebrate Ladbroke Racing Corp.'s recent purchase of the 225-acre racetrack property, also served as the kickoff for what will, according to racetrack officials, be a new management style. Borrowing techniques — and a number of managers — from the Ladbroke-owned Casino San Pablo up the road, company officials worked their corporate wizardry to the fullest, teaching hospi-

ality industry-style ethics to those who staff Albany's oldest, and only, horse racing facility.

"The point we'd like to make, very simply, is that there is a future, but the future is now," racetrack General Manager Peter Tunney told those among the track's 600-plus employees in attendance. "The best marketing tool that we have is all of you sitting in this room."

According to a press release, the rally was the first time in racetrack history that jockeys, trainers, employees and owners have met under the same roof. Though the future of the track has, in the past, been in doubt (the property's previous owner, Catellus Development Corp., planned on putting hotels on the land at one time) now, Ladbroke officials said, the racetrack is in Albany to stay, with changes planned both for the property and those who staff it.

"The good news, for all of us and all of you, is we're here to stay," Tunney said during the rally, which also featured an instructional video, new television and radio ads, free



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Racetrack General Manager Peter Tunney was on hand to welcome members of the GGF team.

windbreakers for employees and game show-style giveaways for members of "Team GGF."

Employees, who range from work boot-wearing maintenance workers to managers in pressed suits and expensive shoes, heard speeches from maybe a dozen Ladbroke officials. Some applauded wildly at each new speaker. Some did not. According to the press release, im-

provements at the track will include a seven-furlong chute, a refurbished barn area, a wider turf course and closer parking, although such matters were given little emphasis in comparison with the track's new philosophy.

As mentioned above, employees, and the service they give, will

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Santa Claus is coming to Plaza

You better not pout, and here's why: Santa Claus arrives at the El Cerrito Plaza at 10 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 29. He will be driven to the Plaza amid sirens and fanfare on the top of a fire truck representing the Richmond and El Cerrito fire departments. The fire truck will be escorted by El Cerrito and Richmond police — cars and motorcycle brigades.

Santa Claus will be housed at the Plaza Santa's Village each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 23.

In conjunction with the Fireman's Toy Program, children under age 12 can have pictures taken with Santa and explore the North Pole Winterland inside Santa's Village. There will be candy and surprises available on these days. Children can visit Santa's Village daily from 10

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■ Martin Snapp

Talkin' Turkey: Today may be a holiday for you and me, but it's the busiest day of the year for the folks at the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line (aka "Turkey Central"). By the time the day is over, they will have answered more than 8,000 questions.

They've been at it since 6 a.m., answering questions from all over the country. If any staffer gets a question she can't answer, she can always turn to her copy of the Butterball Bible, a four-inch-thick, bright blue binder that contains more than 300 pages of turkey trivia.

There are 48 of them — all women, all professionally-trained dietitians, nutritionists or home economists. In addition, they all hold degrees from Butterball U, an intensive, three-day training session where they brush up on the finer points of turkey preparation.

But even that doesn't prepare them for some of the howlers they get. Here are some of my favorites:

- The Kentucky woman whose Chihuahua jumped into the turkey's body cavity while she was preparing it. She tried pulling the dog and shaking the bird, but nothing worked. And both woman and dog were getting more frantic by the minute. After calming her down, the Talk-Line home economist suggested cutting the opening in the cavity of the turkey wider. Voila! Fido was freed!
- The woman from Southern California (natch!) who wanted to know if it was OK to defrost her turkey in the sauna. Answer: Why not?
- The golf addict from Florida who called Turkey Central for grilling tips while he was waiting to tee off from the 14th hole. (Maybe he'd prefer an eagle.)
- The Virginian who wondered, "How do you thaw a fresh turkey?" As politely as she could, the Talk-Line staffer explained that fresh turkeys aren't frozen and don't need to be thawed.
- The Ohio woman who called to ask how long it would take to roast her turkey. "How much does the bird weigh?" said the Talk-Line staffer. "I don't know," said the woman. "It's still running around outside."
- A restaurant owner in San Francisco (where else?) who asked, "How should I roast a turkey for a vegetarian menu?"
- Another Californian who took turkey preparation to extremes by scrubbing her bird with bleach. Afterward, she called the Talk-Line to find out how to clean off the bleach. The advice: Buy a new turkey. (White meat, anyone?)
- A young girl who called on behalf of her mother who needed

roasting advice. "What size is the turkey?" asked the home economist. Without asking her mother, the girl paused and replied, "Medium."

• The novice chef who wanted to know if the yellow netting and wrapper around the turkey should be removed before roasting. With visions of a melted plastic turkey blob dancing in her head, the Talk-Line staffer responded, "Yes."

• A biology teacher in Montreal who called the Talk-Line on behalf of her classroom to inquire whether turkeys have belly buttons. Answer: Turkeys are hatched from eggs, so no belly buttons.

• A Minnesota man who wanted to keep his uncooked turkey frozen on his way to his friends' house. He asked if it would be OK to strap it to the luggage rack. The Talk-Line staffer said as long as he obeyed the speed limit, the freezing temperatures outside should keep the bird frozen. (Talk about life in the fast lane!)

• The beauty salon receptionist in Missouri who called the Talk-Line on behalf of four of her clients, who were receiving manicures. The women didn't want the information for themselves, actually. They were delegating the turkey preparation to their husbands, in order to preserve their perfect 10 nails.

• The Florida man who called to ask if he could use santan oil to baste his turkey.

• The Mississippi bride who lost her wedding ring inside the turkey. She wanted to know if the bird was safe to eat. (Answer: Yes.) "I just hope I find the ring before my husband does!" she said.

• The young Italian man who wanted to know which was better to roast his turkey in: a pizza tray or a lasagna pan. The Talk-Line staffer suggested a foil pan with 2-3 sides, adding, "You can always use the lasagna pan and the turkey leftovers to make turkey tetrazini." (Bellissima bird!)

• And if it's too late to do anything about your turkey this Thanksgiving, do like one Georgia woman, who took the motto "Be prepared" to heart: The day after last Thanksgiving she called Turkey Central for tips on what to do this Thanksgiving.

And finally, let me wish a happy Thanksgiving to you, my readers. Here's hoping the next year brings you lots to be thankful for.

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■ New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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By Phyllis Lyon

ON THIS THANKSGIVING

DAY I imagine *Journal* readers have put aside all thought of Albany news and doings in the dark reaches of city hall. And maybe gone over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house or are by now sleeping peacefully in an overstuffed chair, overstuffed with turkey.

Though we may not be able to bear seeing or hearing another word about food today, remember, we've got a lot more eating to do before it's time to make the old New Year's resolution to shape up. So in case you've tired of California Cuisine, here are some recipes for historic Ohio Food, a blast of culinary lore from the past. Warning: Though I remain a proponent of Ohio Food and a severe critic of roots-and-berries cuisine, I dare not recommend trying any of this at home.

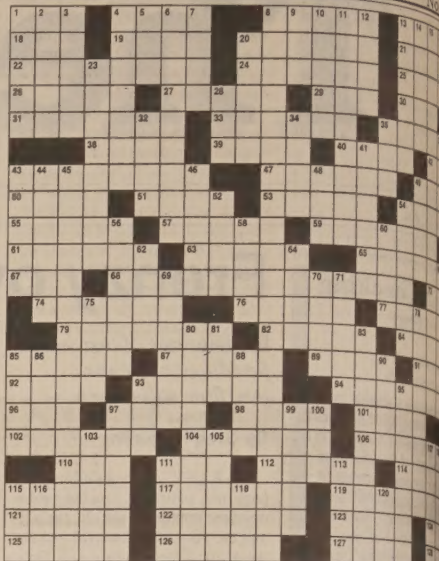
DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION in Chardon, Ohio, Dawn Temple No. 220 of the Pythian Sisters, Thora Bican Most Excellent Chief, published a fundraising book of recipes called "Cooking 'Round the World and At Home." Although the book has no date, recipes for "Economy Pudding" and "Poor Man's Cake" suggest Depression. I found it among the souvenirs left by my late mother who supported

community efforts but was not herself a Pythian Sister.

The "Round the World" part has recipes from all points of the compass in the United States, prophetically including Hawaii, as well as ethnic dishes, with imaginative commentary. But, as seen through the eyes of Ohio housewives who had seldom been further from home than Cleveland, it's all really Ohio Food.

For instance, Southern recipes include pecan pies, grits and Kentucky Burgoo (a stew with pork, beef, lamb and veal, "served to people on Derby Day and at horse sales." And Pot Likker, "made famous by the late senator from Louisiana, Huey P. Long," (boil one-half pound salt pork for 45 minutes in 3 quarts of water, add some young turnip greens and boil for another hour. Drop Corn Dodgers — corn meal and lard balls — into boiling likker for 20 minutes and serve.)

AMONG THE NORTHERN recipes are two favorites at our



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house, Chicago Chicken Legs (meat loaf mix formed into leg shape and fried in deep fat) and Wilted Lettuce (two heads of leaf lettuce; toss with hot bacon fat and vinegar; sprinkle with bacon bits, serves four).

Eastern dishes include Hasty Pudding (which General Washington's troops were as thick as, now known as polenta), clam pie, vinegar pie, Shoo Fly Pie and Apple Pan Dowdy. In the far West they eat California Tongue, frijoles, baked oranges, baked avocado and asparagus, Rinktum Ditty (tomatoes cooked with grated American cheese) and dried apple squares called McGinties, "a recipe of the pioneers." "Green Papaya Chowder" is a Hawaiian favorite. And, in the "Oriental Section," if the bok choy needed for egg foo yung is not available at Walter's IGA store, the cook is advised to write to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce for the address of a Chinese store.

THE AT HOME PART of the cookbook, with "signed recipes by many of the better cooks in our own community," confirms my recollection that I was raised on doughnuts and tomato soup. Junoesque Lenna Murray has a recipe for doughnuts and Cassie Chamberlain one for tomato soup (one-half bushel tomatoes, 2 bunches celery and six onions; add sugar, boil and strain).

My mother's best friend, Iola Schinagle, comes through with

another favorite of ours, Ham Hash (quarter pound marshmallows, bottle of maraschino cherries, banana, pineapple, sugar, lemon and orange juice; mix and eat). Most of the dishes called salads are variations on marshmallows, pineapple and lemon jelly (and we, having no refrigerator, put the closet where the temperature was 40 below).

AS I PORE OVER THE TATTERED book, I find it harder to write about Elsie Barnum's recipe for Custard Cream than to remember her daughter, Doris, who found a bill on the sidewalk just after walked past it. Or about Miss McAnaney's White Fruit Cake than skating at the roller rink her husband, the dentist, Dr. Lillian Schreiner's 24 Hour (cherries, pineapple and marshmallows) than her son, pal Claudie.

There may, after all, be no to Ohio Food than meets the stomach.

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Welfare reform aftermath tops assemblywoman's priorities

By J.R. Deaton

ALBANY — In a relaxed and candid talk, California State Assemblymember Dion Louise Aroner spent more than an hour last week talking about welfare reform and describing her first year as a Sacramento legislator to a small group at the community center.

Speaking to about 20 people at a gathering sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library, the 14th District representative touched on a wide range of topics including bilingual education, health care, the upcoming governor's race and this year's budget battles with Gov. Pete Wilson.

But the subject that seemed closest

est to her heart and the one she spent the most time talking about was state welfare reform. Saying that, "Republicans think God will take care of it," Aroner seemed to imply Democrats know that God needs a little help from time to time.

Aroner, who is a former social worker and was Chief of Staff to Assembly predecessor Tom Bates for 24 years, is clearly unhappy with the welfare package signed by Wilson last August as part of the budget deal. She said of the agreement: "This was the best deal we were going to get with this governor." During the welfare reform vote last summer, Aroner was one of only 11 assemblymembers to vote against it. She said the welfare

changes, "will do significant damage to many families in the state and many families in this district."

The 14th District covers the area from northwest Oakland north to El Sobrante.

Wilson and the legislature fought for months last summer before compromising on a \$67 billion state budget last August. The budget Wilson signed chopped millions of dollars from job creation and social service programs. It also included welfare-to-work provisions the governor said were made necessary by the 1996 federal welfare changes.

Starting in 1998, the new California welfare law will require able-bodied adults to work while receiving up to 24 months of benefits. In

addition there will be a lifetime benefit cap of five years. A family with two children receives \$538 to \$565 a month depending on the county. Recipients who do not find work will be required to do community service. There are 2.5 million welfare recipients in California.

Aroner said you can't expect people to work if there aren't jobs available. "Welfare reform won't work if we're not creating jobs," she said. Aroner also said she enjoys the camaraderie of the Assembly and that she better appreciates what legislators go through. "I have a better sense of their struggles," she said. Aroner said she also been surprised by how well she personally likes many of her colleagues.

City budget situation 'sound and balanced'

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Continuing down the road to a bright financial future, the City Council last week unanimously approved last fiscal year's comprehensive annual report and financial audit.

The report, approved by a 5-0 vote, is a more enhanced version of the city's standard financial statements, and will be submitted, as is the norm, to the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Association for award consideration. According to a staff report, the city's financial condition as of June, 1997 left the city in "a reasonably sound and balanced condition," although city officials have, in the past, identified unfunded capital needs as an issue to grapple with in the future.

The report, which includes colorful graphs and enough facts to keep budget hounds busy for weeks, serves as a more enhanced version of the budget passed earlier this year. It contains both financial and statistical sections, as well as an independent auditor's report, which, in the auditor's opinion (only an opinion may be given) pre-

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Greg Hugunin

Happy Thanksgiving

A seasonal display graces the Arlington Avenue property of Sundar Shadi, El Cerrito's 97-year-old resident extraordinaire.

Garden Club sets Holiday Luncheon

The El Cerrito Garden Club will hold its Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Luncheon tickets are \$13. Reservations should be made with Paula Shiu, 237-0471.

A short program will follow the luncheon. The Windrush Elementary School chorus, led by music director Margo Lockwood, will entertain. By popular request, this is a repeat engagement for the children. Mr. Sundar Shadi, whose garden has given pleasure to the community for many years, will be honored by the Club at the luncheon.

Dolls, made from corks and walnut shells, by the El Cerrito Garden Club Arts and Crafts Group, will decorate the Community Center Christmas tree.

Funding Alert

United Way of the Bay Area invites 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to pick up Community Impact Fund grant applications beginning Nov. 20, 1997, at any of the four U.W. locations listed. Application deadline is Jan. 23, 1998. Please call the appropriate hotline number.

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Chamber Christmas Party

The Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Mechanics Bank will host the chamber's annual Christmas Party, Wednesday Dec. 10 at the bank. All chamber members and city employees are invited to attend at no charge. The hors d'oeuvres will be provided by the Chamber Board of Directors. There will be a no-host bar. Hours are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. An RSVP is requested for the planning of refreshments. Call 525-1771.

Chamber's Santa Claus

The chamber's Santa Claus will visit Albany businesses Saturday, Dec. 20 giving candy canes to youngsters. He will also spend one hour in the chamber office posing for photographs. Parents must furnish their own cameras. The times will be announced in a later edition.

Rotary's Joe Villa Scholarship

Albany Rotary Club presents scholarships to outstanding local students to pursue higher educations. The award program was started by the late Joe Villa, Albany resident and businessman and long time member of the club. Interested Albany or

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



St. Mary's High School juniors should see their school counselors for information regarding this program.

Cross again crowns hill

(Taken from the Albany Lions Club newsletter, editor J. Henry Kruse) The Albany Lions Club Cross stands again in all its glory atop Albany Hill. Some months ago it was pulled down and mutilated by vandals. On Nov. 5 it was re-erected in its former location. The Lions club expended many hours of loving labor to rebuild, refurbish, repaint and restore this illuminated cross which we have maintained on Albany Hill since 1971. The Lions expect to have the cross relighted in time for the coming Christmas season. Financial contributions toward the cost of restoration and future maintenance will be gladly accepted. The early Spanish colonists here in Alta California erected a lighted cross each year at Easter on el

cerrito (the little hill). The custom frequently faded out and was as often revived. It was well known in the Bay Area in the 1940s. In the 1960s the Albany City Council budgeted \$50 each year to erect and illuminate a cross on Albany Hill at Easter. When a citizen protested the budget item of the cross, Lion Past President Hubert (Red) Call, who was then a council member, volunteered to find a group which would take on the responsibility. Of course, Lion Red brought the project to the Albany Lions Club who enthusiastically accepted it. For some years the club continued to erect each Easter the little wooden cross with light bulbs on it, and the club paid for the electric bill. In 1971 the members set up the internally illuminated monument which now graces Albany Hill and dedicated it to the Late Lion Past President Carl MacWilliams who was a devoted supporter of this project and a long-time editor of the newsletter.



Albany Rotary Club Past President Michael Voynne presents Villa Scholarship awards to three college-bound high school students: Kelley McBurnie, Gingi Cleopatri Allen and Kelley Cohen Allen. The program was started by the late Joe Villa, Albany resident, businessman, and longtime member of the Rotary. Interested Albany or St. Mary's High School juniors should see their school counselors for information about the program.

Just a note — the Chamber of Commerce has received phone calls and letters thanking those responsible for the lighting of the cross.

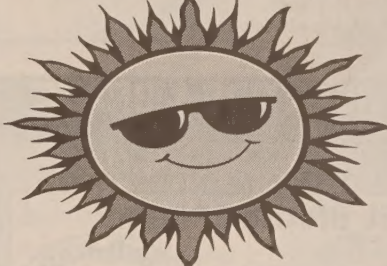
Albany Pool Employee of Month

The employee of the month for October is Juan Saravia who was nominated for his excellent teaching abilities and his willingness to work

"above and beyond the call of duty." During the physical therapy session, Juan helps put away the equipment used by therapists. Juan is from El Salvador and now lives in Albany with his wife, Maria, and their two children, Damien and Damiel. Juan and Damiel are active participants in the parent-child workshop given by the club at Albany Pool.

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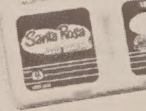
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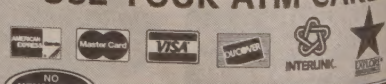
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Police Reports

Albany Cougars suffer another loss

ELCERRITO — Late Nov. 19 or early Nov. 20 vandals did an estimated \$1,500 in damage to the Albany Unified School District's Cougar Field (which is in El Cerrito) after someone drove a vehicle onto the wet field and spun circles, damaging the field and sprinkler system.

The windshield of a '94 Chevy was smashed with a blunt object overnight between Nov. 14 and Nov. 15.

Ten domestic or civil situations were reported.

An Oakland juvenile was arrested for leaving Target with concealed merchandise Nov. 16.

An attempted overnight burglary of an '88 Ford Festiva parked in the 2000 block of Mira Vista overn was reported Nov. 14.

A Vallejo woman was detained for allegedly attempting to leave the Dollar Warehouse with concealed merchandise Nov. 13.

An Albany woman was charged with attempting to exit Target with items concealed in a stroller Nov. 18.

A '77 Chevy Monte Carlo, reported stolen in the 400 block of Kearney Nov. 18 was later recovered.

Computerized equipment was stolen from a '94 Honda Civic parked in the 500 block of Kearney in the evening on Nov. 14.

A license plate was reported stolen off a '91 Toyota Camry parked in the 5400 block of Poinsett Ave. Nov. 18.

A '93 Honda Del Sol reported stolen from the 1900 block of Downey Nov. 18 was recovered Nov. 21.

An '85 Chevy Caprice was reported stolen from a driveway in the 2300 block of Tulare Nov. 19.

Thieves unsuccessfully attempted to steal an '88 Toyota Camry station wagon parked in the 5600 block of Barrett Nov. 17, leaving behind about \$400 in damage to the ignition lock.

A woman from Ohio called to report that her son is being held here at a Liberty Street residence with his father for the past 11 months against his will. A visit to the son confirmed that he wants to return to Ohio.

On Nov. 19 a Galvin Drive resident reports ongoing harassment in the form of obscene phone calls to the victim's residence and job.

A '90 VW Passat was reported stolen from the 1500 block of Richmond Nov. 20.

A '80 Datsun 210 stolen from the 6000 block of Jordan Ave. Nov. 20 was recovered two days later.

An '89 Toyota Camry taken from the 2000 block of Junction Nov. 14 was recovered.

A Hercules man was arrested for leaving Payless with concealed merchandise Nov. 19.

A Richmond man was charged with defrauding an innkeeper Nov. 20 after eating a meal complete with two beers, then refusing to pay and attempting to leave.

A '79 Chevy Nova was swiped from the Plaza parking lot Nov. 21.

An attempted burglary to a '95 Jeep Cherokee in the 500 block of Lexington on Nov. 21 resulted in \$600 in damage to the driver's door, which was pried.

A Berkeley woman reported that items valued at \$1,500 were removed from her purse by an unknown suspect while she was at Chuck E. Cheese Nov. 22.

The rear door of a house in the 500 block of Kearney was kicked open on the afternoon of Nov. 21 and an estimated \$3,600 in belongings was removed.

The driver's side window of an '87 VW Cabriolet parked in a lot at Fairmont and San Pablo was smashed and the stereo was stolen Nov. 12. Loss and damage: \$500.

Burglars left behind a pried door and destroyed ignition (damage: \$1,000) on a '94 Jeep Cherokee parked in the 500 block of Clayton.

A strongarm robbery was reported on the BART path between Moeser and Portola on Nov. 20 around 4 p.m. The suspect bit the back of the male victim, who struggled free and escaped.

An attempted burglary of a '91 VW Cabriolet was made sometime between Nov. 19-20 in the 6000 block of Cutting. Damage to the car's wing window: \$100.

About \$2,800 in property was stolen from a house in the 5500 block of MacDonald sometime between Nov. 18 and Nov. 19 after the burglar entered through a garage window.

Smart & Final officials reported that an employee had embezzled \$21,500 over a period of time.

An Oakland woman and a Richmond woman were arrested after attempting to cash a cancelled check at Wells Fargo Nov. 4.

On the evening of Nov. 21 a resident on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue reported that two bikes were stolen from the rack of is car.

At about 1 a.m. on Nov. 22 an employee of the Safeway Store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that a group of boys had just stolen some liquor. The main suspect, a white 5-foot-9 male, wearing a gray stocking cap, red jacket and baggy blue jeans, was last seen near a red '81 Dodge. The group was gone when officers arrived.

On the morning of Nov. 22 the owner of a car dealership on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that vandals had thrown a rock through his front showroom window.

At about 2:00 a.m. on Nov. 23 officers stopped an orange '67 Ford pick-up that was driving erratically. The driver, a 26-year-old Oakland man was found to be very intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

During the week of Nov. 16 officers fingerprinted four people at their request, responded to 25 false alarms, attended to three lost or deceased animals, assisted six people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to six reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers intervened in 11 civil disturbances and 36 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to four fire calls and 24 medical emergencies.

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ALBANY — At about 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 officers responded to reports of a white '97 Chrysler that was stolen out of San Rafael earlier in the day and was being pursued by Richmond police. Officers located the car at the dead end of Madison Street and the engine was still running. There was no one in site and a check of the area had negative results. The owner was notified.

At about 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 17 the owner of the Mini Mart on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that two subjects, described a black males, one 5-foot-8 wearing a red and yellow jacket and the other 6 feet tall wearing a white shirt and dark pants, stole some beer. They were last seen running west towards Adams Street.

Just after midnight on Nov. 18 officers stopped a 25-year-old Richmond man on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue for a traffic violation

and found he had a warrant from Solano County in the amount of \$5,000. He was arrested and held for Solano officers to pick up.

On the afternoon of Nov. 18 a resident on the 1400 block of Thousand Oaks reported that their house had been broken into. There were no witnesses but police will investigate a suspect.

At about 1:15 a.m. on Nov. 19 officers stopped a silver '81 Honda Civic on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue that was driving erratically. The driver, a 39-year-old Berkeley man, was found to be very intoxicated with a Field Sobriety Test of .23/21/20. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

A resident on the 600 block of Jackson Street reported his blue '95 Mazda had been stolen from his garage on the afternoon of Nov. 18. The car was found in Danville on Nov. 21 and the owner was notified.

On Nov. 21 Richmond police reported locating the red '87 Nissan Pathfinder stolen from Carmel Av-

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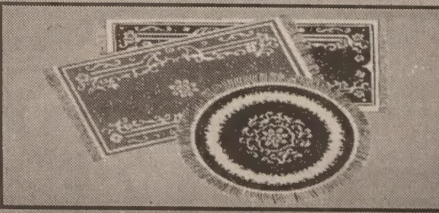
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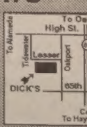
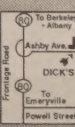


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Budget

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sents fairly in all material respects the financial opinion of the city.

In May, the council approved a budget and five-year forecast that predicted surpluses of more than \$60,000 per year through 1999. The new document, as it deals with the same fiscal year, contained no surprises, but rather an enhanced view of the city as a whole.

For example, according to the statistical section, General Fund expenditures have risen steadily since 1988, from just over \$6 million that year to just under \$9 million in 1997. The assessed value of property in Albany has grown from \$507 million in 1988 to \$762 million this year, while population has

likewise increased from 15,577 to 17,315 during the same period.

Residential and commercial construction has fluctuated wildly, with big jumps in 1989 and 1995. Also, the report lists, among many other things, the city's top employers (Golden Gate Fields, the Albany Unified School District and the US Department of Agricultural Research, respectively), principal taxpayers (Bayside Commons, Ltd., followed by former racetrack property-owner Catellus Development Corp.) and the total lineal feet of sewer lines (196,000).

The report was passed with little comment from council members, who appeared pleased with what they were beholding. "Let me be the first to congratulate you on the beauty and clarity of this report," Mayor Bob Good told Finance Di-

rector Pat Cabrera.

In other budget news, the one sticking point from this summer's budget hearings — police department overtime — is also on the decline. After the meeting, Cabrera said that while Police Chief Larry Murdo exceeded last year's \$168,000 overtime budget, racking up \$231,622, four months into this year's budget, expenses totaled only \$49,386.

Murdo attributed the drop to a both a crackdown at the administrative level and a lack of major crime events, such as murders, which strain the tiny department when they occur. Though the figure will rise as the department trains four newly-hired or soon-to-be hired officers, "Quite frankly, if circumstances allow, we will not go over budget," Murdo said.

EC relocates casual carpool pickup

EL CERRITO — As of Monday morning, Dec. 1, the city is asking casual carpools to form at a newly designated loading zone on Eastshore Boulevard, between San Pablo Avenue and the Potrero Avenue on-ramp to westbound Interstate 80.

"Casual carpools" are a phenomenon of East Bay transportation that has resulted in recent years from the operation of free carpool lanes at the Bay Bridge toll plaza. Casual carpools are distinct from organized carpools in that new combinations of drivers and passengers are formed each day. Solo drivers need two passengers to use the special lanes at the bridge. Passengers enjoy a free express ride to San Francisco. Drivers and passengers have discovered that they have mutual interests, and they get

together at various points in the Eastbay. The meeting points are near BART stations or AC Transit Transbay bus stops. The carpools are created by the luck of the draw, as lines of cars intersect with lines of passengers. All of this has been a self-generating operation on the part of carpool users, with no assistance or direction from transit operators or state or local governments.

The casual system requires passengers to return to the East Bay on their own, usually by public transit. Only since the BART strike of last September have their been efforts to organize carpool pick-ups in San Francisco. Previously there was a lack of incentive for carpooling in the free, eastbound, direction on the Bay Bridge, although the San Francisco

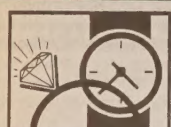
side has some approach to be served for carpools during the peak hours.

One of the casual carpooling took root several years ago at an outlet at the corner of a Church Avenue and Cutting Boulevard. The location is at the intersection of major thoroughfares, near the Transbay stop and across from the Del Norte BART station. The site is between two streets, 80, offering easy off and on for San Francisco-bound commuters. The Del Norte station is also a point for local and regional including busses from Marin counties.

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Meet the booster behind the Music Boosters Jazz Band

He read in *The Journal*, one day in November of 1995, that they were looking for Christmas entertainment: singers, performing groups, etc. He plays saxophone and was interested, so he called and spoke with Lisa Winkler. During their chat she told him they had no kids' groups. He started one.

Frank Jensen's daughter Laura, a student at Albany High, plays saxophone, and had friends who played other instruments. He brought them together, made them a group, and, getting a few names from Bullwinkle they played on Solano Avenue twice. And it was good. "Kids, can we play again?" a solid "Yes," and they played a third time. They made about \$300.

At the time, Jensen notes, there was no jazz band, just a concert band. So, "kids, could we make a jazz band?" Again a hearty agreement. Jensen talked to the Music Boosters, who enthusiastically endorsed the idea.

So they named the new jazz band the Music Booster Band.

With their \$300 they bought jazz music and started playing on Solano Avenue about once a week or so, in front of the Berkeley Bakery, after asking the owner if it was all right. "By all means," he answered. It was a successful partnership, and the band grew to be a 'big band', with 17 pieces. They did things like Glen Miller's "In The Mood", "String of Pearls" and "Band Stand Boogie" (from American Bandstand), music from the '30s to the '70s. They also did things like the theme from the Muppet Show, and "Johnny B. Good". Lots of variety including, even, big band rock and roll. "I turned them all into street musicians," he smiles.

Growing ever more ambitious, Jensen spoke with Jean Allen at the Senior Center about doing a senior dance, an idea she welcomed, but warned that they would have to do the whole thing. They did. It worked, and they did

several of them on Sunday afternoons. And they added more and more. "The city has been terrific. They let us use the Community Center, and the parents did everything, even running the bar and cleaning up."

He tells of cooperation from Cary Nasatir, from Tupper Reed music store, an old friend who helped with the music. (His son Travis played the trumpet.) "I could call Cary whenever I needed help." He would bring his trumpet and his drums. Also Michael Dewall, who teaches the 8th grade Spanish at the Middle School and played the guitar could be called upon when needed. As it grew the sections grew so that he had a complete rhythm section. There were over 20 of them at Christmas time last year.

They started practicing in the living room in the winter time and the garage in the summer. But when they grew they became too big for the front room. Linda

Baker, the secretary at the Albany Middle School arranged for them to use the library at that school to practice. A wonderful place, he says. And, he adds, the entire music faculty from the schools were behind us. He names Bob Sloss, from the middle and elementary schools, Tom Lillenthal, from the high school (whom he praises greatly for his work with the students) and Jean Sextco, all of whom have given incredible support.

The Music Boosters Jazz Band gave its last performance in September. They are on hold right now. The kids are getting older. His daughter is playing volleyball (her team was undefeated this year) and that is her primary interest now.

It was Rohndi Hurlbut who nominated him for Citizen of the Year. He knew nothing about it. A Chamber of Commerce mixer was coming up, she suggested he go, and he agreed. When they named him Citizen of the Year,

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



"no one was more surprised than I."

At the invitation of the race track they played for Albany At The Races, he got to ride in a convertible at the Solano Stroll, and they even played on the back of a flat bed truck.

Frank Jensen, wife Kathy and daughters Laura and Katy are Albany residents, living in the home his grandparents built.

Now much of the music at the high school has been restored, thanks in great part to Tom Lillenthal and to the Music Boosters, so the dire need for someone like Frank Jensen isn't

as great. But he was there when the need was great. And he produced for the kids, for the schools, and for the community. Citizen of the Year, indeed.

Thank you, Laura Teitler, whose son plays the drums in the band, for suggesting Frank Jensen to me. There was a lot more to talk about, but no space for it.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your 'interesting person'. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

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Since we are so close to the Pacific Ocean, Potassium and Phosphorus are typically in good supply in our soils. Nitrogen is the limiting factor. In most cases the Nitrogen is present but locked in the soil by alkalinity. To change this condition leaf mulches, top dressing with compost, and acidifying agents, usually containing iron, all can be added to the soil to free the Nitrogen for the plants. In our modern gardens containing low water-use plants, this treatment is often enough to supply all the plant's needs. In fact, over fertility is often the cause of premature aging or death. The exceptions to this approach are crop plants and annual color. Due to the high yield of these plants, whether it is flowers, fruit, or vegetables, additional nutrients should be added for the best performance.

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Out of Gas...

by Karen Senzig

Throughout the history of the "Curse of Karen's Cars", I have been forced on more than one occasion to jumpstart my car.

I was driving a 1974 Volkswagen Bug (in 1984) when I worked for the Contra Costa Times assigned at their weekly shopper out in Fairfield and was driving the opposite commute from Oakland daily. There was something wrong with the carburetor and/or electrical system, I can't quite remember, but when I'd finally get off the freeway and stop at the first red stoplight, she'd die out on me.

Fortunately, I was much younger then...I'd jump out of the car, get a running push on the Bug, jump back in and pop the clutch. Ail that jumping, I thought that was how "jump starting" got its name. My cars have usually been such that it was a prudent safety measure to carry jumper cables in the trunk of the car.

So, I was surprised to read the article by Matthew T. Wald of the New York Times where he advised, "Don't be too quick to reach for those cables when the battery dies; they may do more harm than good". It seems that individual cars not only have personalities, they have individual instructions for jump starting.

"If a battery dies on a Ford, what is the first step in preparing to jump start the car? Turn on the heater blower. Second, if the car has automatic climate control, set the switch to turn on the defroster.

"It may seem nonsensical, but Ford's is not the oddest instruction for

dealing with an electrical failure. That distinction probably belongs to Subaru. If you are using a battery charger on a Subaru, the manufacturer recommends that you not open or close the doors while charging.

"For Subaru, Ford and most other automakers, the strange instructions are needed because of cars' growing vulnerability. In the old days, nobody ever fried a carburetor with a jolt of electricity, but modern cars use fuel injectors, which are run by computers. So are various safety systems and even car radios. Cellular phones are essentially computers with radio transceivers attached and they, too, are vulnerable.

"These things work on millivolts, or thousandths of a volt," said Joseph J. Sroga, proprietor of Sroga's Automotive Services, a towing company in Minneapolis. Sroga, a director of the international Institute of Towing and Recovery, and other experts say that the vehicle providing the jump may have a voltage too high for the disabled vehicle, or the two voltages can combine to create a surge of electricity with catastrophic results.

"Most people link battery trouble to cold weather, when lead-acid batteries cannot produce enough current and an engine containing oil thickened by the cold requires more effort to crank. (We found that to be true enough. Last Thanksgiving, after being parked for 5 days in sub freezing temperatures in Reno's Silver Legacy's garage, we came out to a

dead battery in our 1988 VW Jetta. The jump from AAA caused a short in the electronic seats and the short continued to drain the battery until it killed it completely.)

"Experts say the hottest days of summer are also a problem. The engine compartment gets hotter, and the heat can degrade a battery. Summer means more work for batteries, too. Some cars have electrically driven fans that run on after the engine is shut off, adding to the battery's work.

"If a jump is required, the idea behind turning on the defroster or heater fan is to absorb excess currents. Different manufacturers offer different advice, which experts say is another good reason to check the owner's manual before trying anything.

"Most manufacturers recommend taking the battery out and recharging it or replacing it with another battery, rather than jump starting. But this often requires towing the car.

"Even if the voltage from a jump start is not too high," Sroga said, running current through jumper cables creates a magnetic field. That little magnetic field can give you really weird conditions by disrupting sensitive electronics. (Hence, the short in my seat?) For example, he said, it can make the fuel injectors in Chevrolet Cavaliers dump fuel. So another useful precaution is not to let excess cable drape into the engine compartment.

"Other towing experts point to other problems. In BMW's, you smoke the radio and most experts advise that jump starts be avoided if possible. And on a BMW, the first challenge may be to find the battery; in some models, it is under the rear seat or in the trunk.

"It just goes on and on," said C. Thomas Luciano, owner of Wilton Auto Truck Plaza in Wilton, New York and education chairman of the

Towing and Recovery Association of America who wrote that group's certification exam for tow truck operators. "It's getting so complicated, its unbelievable."

"If a good Samaritan offers to jump start your car but damages its electronics, there is no way to get compensation.

Luciano said that he and his wife

each have a Jeep Cherokee, and that he does not keep jumper cables in either car. "If you are in a mall parking lot, and your car won't start, and the guy next to you has jumper cables, I'd advise any consumer today, 'Do not under any circumstances do that,'" he said.

If you have a question, story or tip to share, sent it care of Karen Senzig,

to Hills Newspapers, 5707 Rock Road, Oakland, CA 94618 or to (510) 339-3814.

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Before jump starting a car, inspect the battery for cracks and damaged terminals, wear eye protection, and make sure that no flames or lighted material is present. Here is a sampling of other precautions listed in a manual for tow-truck operators issued by the American Automobile Association.

- **ALL CARS:** Except where specified differently by the manufacturer, make sure that the ignition switch and all lights and accessories are in the off position before connecting the jumper cables.
- **CARS WITH CELLULAR TELEPHONES:** Disconnect the power cable at the power pack. Failure to disconnect the power cable may result in damaging the sensitive circuitry within the phone.
- **FORD:** Turn on the heater blower of both vehicles. On vehicles with automatic climate control, set the function on the defrost position After jump start, leave all switches off except heater blower motor and reduce engine to idle to prevent possible damage to the vehicle's electrical system.
- **MASERATI:** Do not jump start any model Maserati 1987 or newer. Damage to two on board computers is likely.
- **NISSAN:** On 1989-1992 Maxima GXE and SE models, remove power window fusible link prior to jump starting. (Located in fuse box and marked "P/WIND.")
- **SAAB:** Make sure that radio is turned off prior to jump starting vehicle.
- **ROLLS-ROYCE:** A Rolls-Royce with a dead battery will not change gears even though the gear shift lever may be moved out of Park. The tow truck operator should be able to hear gear change mechanism operate if sufficient electrical power is still available to change gears. A jump start or a battery charge or replacement is necessary to place the transmission in neutral.
- **MERCEDES-BENZ:** Mercedes-Benz vehicles are to be jump started only from another 12-volt battery. The use of starting devices (such as boost-start chargers, free standing generators, etc.) is likely to cause extensive damage to the electrical system.



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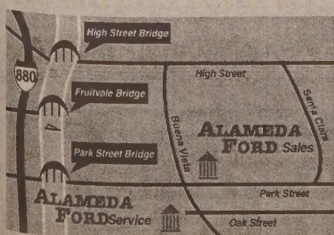
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Jackets' volleyball gets banner at last

■ *Girls team finishes second in North Coast Section.*

By Jelani Harper

Oddly enough, the success of Berkeley's women's volleyball team can be traced back to a flag.

"At the very beginning of the year we were talking about all the banners on the wall and all the pennants in the gym," recalls volleyball coach Patrick Hearne. "And we set our sights on getting a banner. That was our goal all year."

This past Tuesday the Yellowjackets were scheduled to take on Archbishop Mitty at the Monarchs' homecourt in San Jose in the opening round of the NorCal playoffs. But regardless of the result of that match, the Jackets' goal has been realized.

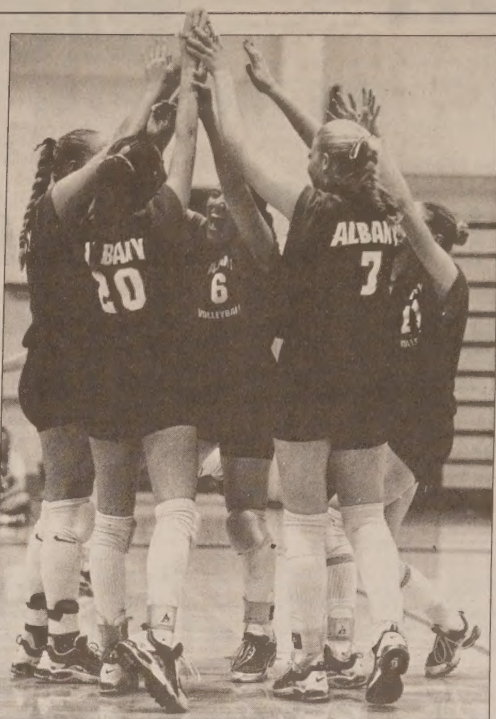
They finally got the banner they had been waiting even though they lost to Analý in the

North Coast finals, 15-8, 15-6, 15-8. Along the way, they beat Acalanes (15-3, 15-6, 15-8) and Moreau Catholic (15-7, 15-7, 4-15, 15-13), and finished second in the East Bay Athletic League.

"We ended up getting ourselves a North Coast Sectional second place banner, so that was a big thrill for the team," said Hearne. "Our seniors had been here four years, and never gotten one up on the wall. So that really means a lot to the program."

Things were running smoothly for the Jackets in the title match with Analý (Sebastopol) until they hit the mid-point of the first game. The score was tied, 8-8, when suddenly the top-seeded Tigers turned on the juice and rattled off seven straight points to win the game. The Jackets were left eating Analý's dust, and never could quite recover.

"We had a problem with scoring against Analý, not siding out," remarked Hearne. "We can hang with anybody siding out. In the



Albany's volleyball team celebrates comeback win over Campolindo in NCS title match last Saturday.

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Our Cougars the Cougars

■ *Albany gets clawed early by Campo's Cougars in NCS, but comes back to move on to NorCal.*

By Jelani Harper

They're getting closer.

With the completion of North Coast and the start of NorCal play-offs this past Tuesday, Albany's women's volleyball team is inching ever closer to that elusive state title.

Last year, the Cougars reached the semifinal round of the state championships before succumbing to St. Francis of Mountain View. This year, they almost didn't make their scheduled Tuesday appointment with San Francisco's Thurgood Marshall High because of a newly improved Campolindo team in the NCS championship match.

Keep in mind that Albany had played Campo once before this year; the two teams met up this past October in the Castro Valley Invita-

tional. Then, Campo (who bears the Cougars moniker as hard as any other Albany opponent, in straight games).

So, you can imagine the surprise when it faced Campo this past Saturday and spanked the first two games. Campo has only one player above 5-feet-5 and so it's amazing to watch its players jump higher, quicker and hit harder than Albany's taller players.

"Campolindo played like a team," remarked Albany coach Jeff Lindquist. "They played like a team, played that won state last year. Without a doubt they improved since the first time we played them."

Campo was all over the first two games, driving to dig the ball, at the net, past Albany's blockers, and blocking some of Albany's attacks. It showed why it was

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ACCAL's Panthers, Gauchos fall to TCL



Typical of a frustrating night, EC's Isaac Phelps gets sacked by Miramonte LB in NCS game last Friday.

Jeff Lindquist

Matadors stick EC with their picador

■ *El Cerrito coach Milo 'numb' but proud.*

By Jeff Sepulveda

There is no doubt that El Cerrito's football team played hard in last Friday night's first round North Coast Section playoff game. However, its Miramonte opponents didn't appear to be impressed.

The Matadors from Orinda, dominated the line of scrimmage on both offense and defense, and thrashed the second-seeded Gauchos, 49-22, on EC's home field.

After the game, EC coach Frank Milo was understandably shaken: "I'm numb," he said. "I hate to see the season come to an end. It's going to take a few days or a week or so to get over it. But whatever happens, they can't take our ACCAL championship away from us. The playoffs are just icing on the cake."

The next evening, after the St. Mary's-Foothill game which Milo observed, he indicated that he was so devastated that he had considered not returning as coach next season. But later, he backed away

from that statement.

"I spoke to some of the players and teachers, and now I'm back against it (quitting)," he said. "I then started musing as to whether the Gauchos will be in the season. We have five state titles turning on defense, less on offense. We lose some pretty good players."

That sure does sound like a coach talking, doesn't it?

EC had no answer to Miramonte quarterback Ken Dorsey's passing exploits, and were manhandled by a Miramonte defense which refused to give up.

The Gauchos kept the game for most of the first half, but Matadors a step ahead the rest of the way. Both teams capped the first half with 2-yard touchdowns — Marcus Parton for EC. But EC's extra point left them trailing.

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St. Mary's is run aground by Foothill's big wall

By Jeff Sepulveda

EL CERRITO — St. Mary's High football coach Dan Shaughnessy usually has a pretty simple offensive game plan: Run, run, run, and if that doesn't work, run some more. This strategy has proved remarkably effective for St. Mary's this season, due in large part to a talented backfield led by Paki Gordon, Eddie Smith, Devin Poche-West, and Jerrod Mack.

But the Panthers' run-at-all-costs strategy is also dependent on being able to control the scoreboard and

clock. This is where defense comes in, and SM's defense has dominated Panthers foes all season.

While the defense did not dominate last Saturday's North Coast Section Division 2A playoffs first round matchup against Foothill, it did play well. But when SM found itself behind by two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, their offensive

limitations proved to be decisive which resulted in a 21-6 loss.

Run-happy SM started the game with a changeup — a pass. But, on the play, SM quarterback Max Slendebrook was intercepted.

The Panthers struck first midway through the first quarter with a big play. Tailback Gordon burst for a 77-yard TD run to give SM a 6-0 lead.

But Foothill (Pleasanton) answered on the very next play, as Falcons quarterback Robert Knox hooked up with receiver Chris

Frederick for a 6-yard pass which turned into a 98-yard TD play as two SM defenders collided.

Neither team could muster any offense in the second quarter, and Foothill led, 7-6 at halftime.

The teams traded punts to open the third quarter. Then, Foothill fullback Paul McCrary took over.

McCrary had seven carries for 56 yards and scored from two yards out to cap an eight-play, 65-yard drive to put Foothill ahead, 14-6.

SM dodged a bullet after punting the ball away on its next possession.

Knox and Frederick hooked up again, for 69 yards this time, and the Falcons had first-and-10 at the SM 15.

The Panthers held, but still could muster no offense and punted the ball right back.

Seven plays and 47 yards later, McCrary had his second 2-yard TD run, and Foothill had a commanding, 21-6 lead.

At this point, early in the fourth quarter and behind by two TDs, SM's game plan was in need of a shakeup. Twelve second-half plays

had produced but one first down — which was gained only by Foothill roughing Slendebrook. he was punting.

Knowing they needed to quickly, the Panthers went to a four-wide receiver shotgun attack — the opposite of SM's mark 3-yards-and-a-clump attack. Predictably, it didn't work.

The Falcons pressured SM consistently, and SM threatened score only when Slendebrook

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Panthers stumble; only Arp going to state championships

By Jeff Sepulveda

The St. Mary's High boy's cross country team has experienced its share of winning. But for the Panthers, this season will end on a sour note, as SM finished third in last weekend's North Coast Section Division V championship meet. The top two teams advanced to the state championship meet this weekend. To its dismay, SM will be

staying home.

The Panthers haven't lost a dual meet in the past three Alameda-Contra Costa Leagues seasons, and were NCS Div. V champions in 1996.

This year's senior laden squad had high expectations, and was ranked No. 1 in the state in that division throughout the season. But key injuries at the worst time, and an 11th hour bump to Div. IV, con-

spired to end the Panthers' season early.

One bright note for SM is that senior Mike Arp qualified for the Div. IV state championship by placing fifth.

SM's girl's cross country team finished 10th at NCS. The Lady Panthers were paced by Ellen O'Day who finished 28th. Saturday's NCS meet was the first after a nearly month-long layoff for Jono Tapp,

who was recovering from a groin injury. Teammate Ryan Torres was running just his second race after a long layoff from a hip flexor. Tapp, SM's No. 4 runner prior to the injury, finished fifth among Panthers harriers at NCS, 35th overall.

Torres placed third among Panthers, 20th overall and just ahead of teammate Ben Manaitis who finished 21st.

SM was extremely close to quali-

fying for the state CIF championship meet, finishing with 87 points, a mere seven behind second place Redwood and 23 behind NCS champion Campolindo. Piedmont, which upset SM the week before at the ACCAL championship meet, finished fourth with 109 points.

After the meet, SM coach Francis Mason was certain that the injury bug was the only blip on what was supposed to be a dream season.

"I have no doubt that without the key injuries, we would have qualified for the state meet. The kids did their best. They ran with guts and pride. It's the nature of competition that you always win."

Given a chance to reflect on the season, Mason said that the team didn't achieve its goals. There were reasons to be proud.

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X Factor' takes long route home

Cal's Stanley finally finds her woman — Lacey's Lacey.

Scott Strain

Cal women's basketball coach Marianne Stanley said that when she was coaching at Stanford, she had Amber Lacey "The X Factor."

When we were preparing to go to Alabama (where Lacey was playing) a couple years ago for the West Regionals, to me she was "The X Factor" when I scouted her. "They put a nice starting five on the floor, but when they put her in the lineup, it would have been all kinds of problems for them. They didn't play her that much, but I kept thinking, 'That is a player I'd love to have.'"

Now, a couple of years later, Lacey is a player and coach have teamed up, and quite frankly Lacey loves having Lacey. The former All-NorCal player at Berkeley High is a redshirt senior and has only one year to go before she has to leave herself. So far in this young woman, she has.

Starting at forward in her first year for the Golden Bears, Lacey averaged 19 points and 13 rebounds in 28 games over Cal Poly-San Diego last Thursday. Against Pacific in Stockton on Monday night, she scored 16 points on 8-of-13 shooting in a 63-53 loss to the Tigers. She did

miss all five of her free-throw attempts. There is room for improvement.

But she is a smart, savvy, physically talented player, one of many that have come out of Gene Nakamura's program at Berkeley. Her road after BHS took her to Howard Junior College in Big Spring, Texas, where she starred for two years.

After that, she went to Alabama where she averaged 3.8 points and 3.8 rebounds per game in limited action. She didn't start any of the 32 games she played for the Tide, and she wanted to come home.

"I wasn't too interested in Cal in the beginning," Lacey said. "I wanted to go to USC where coach Stanley was, but I had some work to do before I could go to college, so it took me awhile to get back here."

Lacey had to sit out a year after transferring, but got to know Stanley's philosophy and work methods well enough so that when she did become eligible, she could fit right in. As a mature senior, she didn't feel that much pressure coming back to Berkeley.

"That's very unpredictable," she said about playing before fans who knew her when. "I didn't feel pressure about staying here, but I felt comfortable about going to junior college for two years and then going to a Division I school and playing. I just wanted to come back. The time was right."

Against Cal Poly, Lacey was



Shavaki Jackson, with BHS's state title, along with Jackets' Latifa Lewis, will go to Cal.

able to create her own shots and get some good positioning on rebounds.

"I felt much more relaxed in the second half than I did in the first," she said. "I was able to play my game. I was telling myself to be comfortable and play the game I know I can play."

Lacey, with her 35 points in two games, has solidified her hold on one starting spot in the Cal lineup. The Bears are coming off a 6-21 season and Stanley is using

the preseason to juggle players and combinations, trying to find the right mix. Lacey definitely is part of that mix.

If there is one sad note in all of this, it is that Lacey, being a senior, will only play one season for Cal. She wants to make it a year to remember.

The Bears travel to Honolulu this weekend to play in the Wahine Rainbow Classic. The Bears return home to play St. Mary's, Dec. 5.

Shavaki signs again to play for Lady Bears

Coach Marianne Stanley has announced the signing of 6-4 forward Shavaki Jackson and 6-4 center Latifa Lewis, both from Berkeley High, to national letters of intent for the 1998-99 season.

Jackson, who originally signed last November but had to return to Berkeley High this year to clear up some academic deficiencies, earned fourth team Parade All-America honors last season as a senior.

She averaged 21.7 points, 12.2 rebounds and 2.8 blocked shots per game while leading Berkeley to a 29-3 record and the Division I state title. Jackson also earned North Coast Section player for the year honors and first team all-state recognition.

In addition, she was rated as the 38th best player in the nation in 1996-97, according to Blue Star Scouting Report.

"We are pleased that Shavaki

has re-signed with us this fall," said Stanley.

"The extra year at the high school level has definitely helped her to mature as a student and as an athlete. She brings the agility and perimeter skills of a guard along with the power game of a center to our program. We expect Shavaki to have an immediate impact on our program."

Lewis, who transferred to Berkeley High this year from Oakland Tech, averaged 19.7 points and 12.0 rebounds per game as junior at Tech.

"Latifa is a strong, physical post player," Stanley said. "She is still developing her post skills but we feel that she has a great deal of potential and has the opportunity to become a very strong post player in the Pac-10 Conference."

No. 3 Cal in 'Big Splash' upset over No. 2 Stanford water polo

The No. 3 Cal men's water polo team upset No. 2 Stanford, 7-6, in the Big Splash, Saturday at Stanford.

Junior Brad Kittredge led Cal (20-5, 7-1 MPSF) with three goals, including the game-winner with 4:11 left to play. The Bears had led throughout, including a 4-1 lead at the end of the first half and a 5-2 margin after three periods. Cal was able to hold off a Stanford comeback, despite the Cardinal's Layne Beaubien scoring a two-

point goal to make the score, 7-6, with 1:35 left.

Other scorers for the Bears included freshman Eldad Hazor, who scored a two-point goal with 1:39 in the second period; senior captain Brent Bright, who scored the match's first goal with 1:39 to go in the first period and junior Ryan Flynn, who scored with 2:26 remaining in the second.

Cal will be the No. 2 seed in the MPSF Tournament Nov. 28-30 in Long Beach. The winner of the tournament is the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, Dec. 5-7 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Cal will open the tournament Nov. 28 vs. No. 7 UC Santa Barbara.

Cougars...

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No. 2 in the tournament, and made a serious run at Albany's No. 1 ranking.

But Albany did not fold, and showed Campo who the true Cougars were. After dropping the first two games, 10-15 and 13-15, the Albany Cougars displayed the stuff of which champions are made.

"I told the kids after the second game that we had two choices, we could either sit down or we could fight," recalled Ott. "And the kids came back and fought as hard as I've ever seen them fight."

In the third game Albany sprung to life. Suddenly there was Maria Zupo twisting and turning every which way to deliver passes for Albany finishes. Charity Harbo's spikes began slamming Campo's zone with alarming frequency, and both Laura Jensen and Mia Norelle had their share of kills as well.

In the end, it was the Cougars from Albany, not Campolindo, who were victorious (10-15, 13-15, 15-8, 15-6, 15-9). Based on Saturday's performance Albany has a chance as good as any team to win state. "I think in that first and second game we were a little bit nervous, a little tentative," he explained. "As the No. 1 seed, all the expectations are on you and everybody else kind of plays real easy. But I'm so ecstatic, everyone did such a great job. I was about to pass out, but I'm ecstatic. "When we were down I was asking the kids on the bench 'what's going on?'" continued Ott. "And everybody kept saying 'I don't know, I don't know what's going on.' But I'm just so proud of them for not giving up, and fighting as hard as they did."

Jackets...

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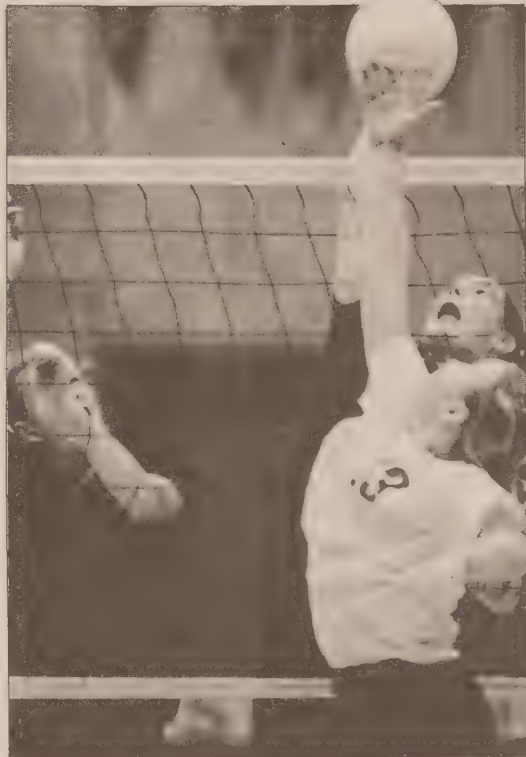
first game we were right there up until it was 8-8, then it was like we hit this wall and just could not score any points. We kept going back and forth with them siding out, but they eventually picked us off with tougher serves."

Serving was a big issue for the Jackets; their serves didn't quite pack as much of a punch as they normally do.

"We needed to serve more aggressively," Hearne admitted. "I feel like we held back on our serves a little to compromise making them. I think a lot of my players were going back to the service line concerned with just putting them on the court and they forgot to rip the ball. So, consequently that gave the other team too easy of a time siding out."

But not to worry Jackets fans, Berkeley will not have marched into Tuesday's game making the same mistake twice.

"I'm telling all my jump servers to put up their jump serves against Mitty," Hearne said. "We have nothing to lose, we exceeded our own expectations and we exceeded everyone's else's expectations, too. What I do expect is that it will be a very hard-fought game. My team has come so far that it's ready to just go at it. We just want to fight and do our best."



BHS' Gina Welch, right background, goes for block vs. Acalanes Thursday as Amanda Miller supports.

Gauchos...

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Dan Reed's second 2-yard TD early in the second quarter put Miramonte ahead, 14-6.

The game turned late in the second quarter. Dorsey's passing and Reed's running led Miramonte from its own 15 to the Gauchos 9-yard line. Three plays yielded three yards, and left the Matadors with a fourth-and-goal from the 6. Advantage Gauchos.

But Miramonte's magic would not be denied. Dorsey hit Pat Ward on a screen pass, and he walked into the end zone, putting the Matadors ahead, 21-6 going into halftime, and leaving EC reeling.

Unfortunately for the Gauchos, Miramonte and Dorsey were just beginning to warm up. Miramonte threw three more TDs in the third quarter. Dorsey threw two, the first of which came a mere four plays and 1:06 into the third quarter. But, after being burned by a 41-yard option pass, the Gauchos trailed, 42-6, with 1:04 remaining in the third quarter, and the EC coaches' jobs turned into consoling the vanquished Gauchos before shellshock set in.

As dizzying as the Matadors offense was, the Miramonte defense was equally spectacular, throttling EC. The Gauchos' eight third quarter



Gauchos' Dan Ursini sends Miramonte running back flying, but EC was ousted from NCS play Saturday.

plays resulted in minus-8 yards and a lost fumble.

By the time EC got anything going as a team, in the fourth quarter, it trailed, 49-6.

Miramonte emptied bench celebrated on the field yielding two late TDs and a safety to make the final score a bit less gruesome, but no less decisive.

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Further, Englehardt said the buying public is moving away from traditional department stores and more towards niche or "lifestyle" retailers such as Old Navy or Barnes & Noble.

Those types of retailers may make up much of the future Plaza along with current tenants that want to stick it out, he said, adding that some may want to relocate, and the developers are counting on the city to pick up the obligations for those costs.

Shopping centers of El Cerrito's vintage are usually either "intensified or de-mailed," he said, citing Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek and the Hub in Fremont as examples of the latter.

One alternative is to pursue an "entertainment" destination such as Jack London Square in Oakland. That brings up the now-infamous question of a cineplex, which has been proposed for the Del Norte area but many believe is more appropriate to the Plaza.

"We have had a lot of interest from movie theaters," Englehardt said. "However, if you review the comments to the EIR there is a lot of resistance to a movie theater. That will still be included as an alternative, but not one the company is pursuing.

So what can the public expect of the Plaza in the year 2001? The current odds are on a shopping center/community area with some major retailers but no department store.

Expect about half (possibly more) of the current buildings to remain the same, he said, with the survivors to get a major exterior facelift. The concept calls for a community gathering place, a restored creek and a grid of streets leading into the area.

Center

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nity shopping/gathering area envisioned by the council last year. "It's going to depend who the tenants are," Englehardt said, adding that if nothing else, the project area "is simply not large enough for a regular mall."

The good news is that, unlike the proposal the city had been pursuing before its designated developer dropped out in September, the proposal being formulated will not require land acquisition costs. The caveat is that the partners will likely seek redevelopment funding for tenant relocation and financing public improvements (which were both part of the previous proposal, as well).

Ultimately, Englehardt said after the meeting, the owners would also expect the city to purchase the publicly maintained portions (streets and town square) of the property.

The largest variable — as it has always been in any effort to revitalize the Plaza — is the center's divided ownership.

Southern California investor Milton Bilak owns the buildings that contain the smaller shops. Englehardt's Concord-based commercial real estate services firm, Gallagher & Miersch, represents American Stores, the parent company of the Lucky supermarket chain, which has a long-established space at the Plaza. Committed to maintaining its presence and building a "superstore" at the location, American Stores recently completed the purchase of the vacant Emporium department store space, which includes entitlement to the surrounding parking.

Longs Drugs is a third player in the equation, with ownership of its own building and a say over the site plan and access to its space.

"This is not an easy project," Englehardt said. "There is a significant amount of ownership" as well as lease holds and contractual restrictions to work around.

The difference now is that American Stores and Bilak, which were at odds when previous proposals came before the council, are working together, having negotiated a confidential agreement that gives Englehardt access to ledgers and leases of both parties. It is an uncommon pledge of faith on Bilak's part, he said, noting that the confidentiality aspects prevent him from being more specific about the project.

Aside from an indication of trust and willingness, that access will mean the ability to formulate a complete economic outlook for the property that should be complete by the end of next month, said Englehardt, adding that he will meet with Longs officials this week.

Based on his evaluations, Englehardt hopes to have conceptual site plans and to begin review by "stakeholders" (owners, tenants, the community and city officials) early next year.

At that point the developers would begin talking with existing and potential new tenants, then negotiations would begin with the city.

With the city starved for new sales tax revenue and anxious to get a return on a redevelopment area project, Englehardt's description appealed to City Councilmember Jane Barte, who attended the presentation and said there were "no surprises." Barte called it "very encouraging" that the developers intend to incorporate the approved site plan into their proposal.

Barte said she met with representatives of the development partners a couple of months ago and discussed the site plan and the certified environmental impact report, and pointed out that the use of both "saves time" as far as the approval process.

As far as housing at the Plaza, which had been the pivotal element for the council when the previous plan was approved, Barte said it is not a life-or-death issue for the council. "When we met I pointed out that we were not sold on (housing) if we could get retail."

The plan, which Englehardt later indicated is not necessary, was to sell the eastern portion of the property (next to the BART tracks) designated for housing in order to finance the remaining part of the project.

But she did say that it is important to "look at the empty area where the housing was going. We have to put something — retail, housing, a hotel."

Santa

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a.m. to 4 p.m. and can mail letters to Santa at the North Pole on the days that he is not in residence. All letters will be answered.

There will be a Christmas Coloring Contest. Children under age 9 can pick up coloring contest applications at Santa's Village or Plaza merchants.

Winners of this contest will receive ribbons and \$25 in Plaza Money to spend at a store in the El Cerrito Plaza.

Frenzy

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west of the railroad, an elaborate network of shacks served as home to maybe a dozen persons. The camps were bulldozed in late 1996, rebuilt a few months later, and, starting Nov. 3 of this year, were bulldozed again, this time to the point where one has to look long and hard to even remember where they were.

Every last scrap of brush has been removed, and, in the moist, freshly-turned earth, lie the remnants of a world that once was: a wine bottle, a muddy abalone shell, a book on the American Revolution, a Cadillac hubcap hung from the fence across the tracks where a man who called himself "Jimbow the Hobow" once lived.

According to Union Pacific Police Capt. John Allen, the operation was prompted by drug use in the camps and concerns about flood problems from the heavy vegetation and "debris" accumulated by the squatters (who were, perhaps, the most voracious accumulators one will ever meet). Critchfield, in fact, says he saw a 12-foot sailboat being removed during the two-week operation, which was so thorough hardly even a blade of grass remains.

"They did a wonderful job. They didn't leave them anywhere to hide," Critchfield says (originally, the camps were so well-disguised as to be invisible from anywhere but a few feet away). At least one camp resident, word has it, has moved to the Albany landfill, and, as for flooding along the now barren creek: "Honestly, I don't expect there to ever be a flood problem again," Critchfield says.

Albany battens hatches

Upstream, things have also been busy. According to Community Development Director Bill Ekern, crews have taken extra precautions as far as keeping storm drains clear, a move the city hopes will prevent runoff from Albany and the Berkeley hills from taking what he calls the "over land" route. Sandbags are available both at the city's maintenance center and the parking lot of the Bill Lewis Teen Center, and city crews will be on call.

Or rather, as one woman found out last winter, they are on call if the waterway that runs near your property falls into what is considered the public domain.

As you follow Codornices Creek to the east along the Berkeley/Albany border, it runs daylighted along University Village, dips under San Pablo Avenue, and continues, sometimes daylighted and sometimes not, east past the home of Santa Fe Avenue resident Karen Bougae.

Last winter, Bougae received somewhat of a shock when a tree trunk lodged in the creek, threatening to flood her basement. The shock, however, came not from the potential flooding, but the response to her call to the city for help. She was told that, as the creek was on her property, she was the one responsible for clearing it.

"I'm not doing anything. There's nothing I can do," says Bougae of this year's predicted storms. Though the creek, at present, flows along at a peaceful six inches deep, when the rain comes, it tends more to resemble a raging river.

If a problem occurs, it will most likely stem from another piece of debris clogging the stone culvert next to her house, and, like last winter, she will have to deal with the problem herself. "It's her back yard," says City Administrator Daren Fields. "We can't go into her back yard."

Though she has few options other than praying for light rain, Bougae has bought flood insurance, removed everything from her basement and postponed repairing her deck. Other than that, she will acquire sandbags and wait.

"If (the creek) did stop up, it's so dangerous it's life threatening," Bougae says, still, months later, somewhat in shock over the city's policy. "There's nothing I can do because I have no control over what comes down the creek. I'm just going to keep my fingers crossed."

Portland Avenue braces

Perhaps no fingers will be crossed tighter than those of Portland Avenue residents on the north side of town, who are, in the face of El Niño, hoping another waterway will likewise treat them kindly. No, it is not Cerrito Creek, but rather the infamous Portland Avenue sewer line, which, when the rains come, gives new meaning to Coleridge's famous line: "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink."

As residents have surely noticed, heavy rain brings a particularly onerous problem to Portland Avenue: thousands of gallons of rainwater, mixed with toilet paper and raw human waste, rising from manholes and flooding residents' lawns. The problem stems from a sewer line running down Portland from the Berkeley

hills, and though it initially looked as if it would not be fixed until 1999, a tentative agreement between Berkeley and Albany will result in two new lines — one costing as much as \$2 million — this spring.

"I'd say we have an agreement in concept which will allow it to be addressed during the next year," says Berkeley City Manager Jim Keene.

That is the good news. The bad news, however, is that the heavy rains are supposed to come this winter, and though Albany's city administrator says a protocol has been worked out so that either Berkeley crews will clean up the mess or Albany crews will do it and send Berkeley a bill, Portland resident Catherine Jester, like Bougae, is hoping El Niño turns out to be little more than hype.

"It's still not soon enough. I wish they would start tonight," Jester says of the construction timeline. "It's going to be a problem within a month. It's a known health hazard and I'm sorry we have to put up with it for another year."

Once the sewage starts flowing, there is nothing anyone can do to stop it; crews wash residents' lawns, treat them with bleach, and that's it. According to Fields, response to any overflows will be speedy: "I'm not going to wait for Berkeley if there's a problem," he says.

As for Jester, she too plans to waste no time, and promises to "bug" the city's maintenance department the very second the sewage touches the street. And, although having your lawn washed is not quite as nice as keeping it feces-free in the first place, "It is sort of psychological, but it makes me feel okay," Jester says.

Monitoring Cerrito Creek

As water has a tendency to flow downhill, those who live on Portland are not the only ones who know about sewers. On Cerrito Creek, which serves as the border between Albany and El Cerrito, the sewage makes its way to the west via storm drains that connect Portland Avenue to the creek. "Spring is not going to be soon enough for us people down here," says Belmont Street resident Florence Lindstrom, who also contends with a

regular flooding from the creek and believes something should be done by the three cities (Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond) in whose jurisdiction the waterway falls.

Three times during the last year, the creek flooded, and while Mori Struve, El Cerrito's maintenance and engineering manager, says the area is, put simply, a flood plain, others give a variety of reasons why the area is prone to flood.

"It has to do with not paying close attention when they planned our cities," says Lyndi Swanson, president of the group Friends of Five Creeks, adding that the problem is not so much that the creek overflows, but that people build in places where the creek sometimes runs. "Not only is it bad for the creeks, it's bad for the residents, too. The creek is going to do its own thing when the water runs downhill."

Keith Alcock, a member of the group who lives next to Cerrito Creek, says the high amount of paved area in the East Bay, which forces water directly into storm drains and creeks as opposed to letting it soak into the ground, also contributes. In the meantime, members of the group, as well as crews from El Cerrito, have helped clear the creek of vegetation, although flooding, says Lindstrom, has already occurred this year.

"I'm tired of it. I'm really tired of fighting the water and fighting the rain," says Lindstrom, who has lived in her current location for 48 years and believes the flooding has grown much worse in the last decade.

According to Struve, though, "It's almost inevitable there's going to be complete backups. I think it's inevitable there's going to be some flooding. It's not if, it's when."

And so, like many others, residents near Cerrito Creek will keep their eye on the horizon, where the unusually warm pool of water they call El Niño might, or might not, mean trouble. For some, steps have been taken and the winter, they hope, will be trouble-free. Others, however, will simply wait, asking, as City Administrator Fields did recently, "I wonder if we're going to get whacked or not."

Team

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be a big part of the racetrack's new spin, one which, Casino San Pablo patrons might notice, bears a peculiar resemblance to the Ladbroke-owned card club that has not been halted by litigation. At Casino San Pablo, employees can strive to be named "Genie of the Month" for showing the proper "team-member spirit," an honor that might now be available to members of Team GGF.

Activities included a video, titled "The Guest," in which employees were shown examples of fine, and not-so-fine, service. Also, said officials, the track will select a new mission statement, which, if it is chosen from among employee entries, will garner the author a cool \$1,000.

Also included were raffle-style giveaways of cash and vacations, and more hard cash was handed out to those who could answer questions such as when the track first opened (1941). After the alcohol-free event came to an end, employees were invited to gorge themselves at a well-stocked buffet, and were sent home with free windbreakers to mark the new era.

"I think this is the first time anyone has done this in racing in California," said Ladbroke Vice President

Carpool

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of drivers and passengers the carpool matches are made smoothly and cars are quickly on the freeway headed toward the bridge. However, at some points in the morning commute hour, which can extend from 5 AM to 9 AM, there tends to be a shortage of passengers, and the over-supply of waiting vehicles overflows the parking lot and backs-up into the street. Until mid-November the line extended into Peerless Avenue, a little-used street behind Church's. As of November 10, Peerless Avenue was closed to traffic. The City of El Cerrito abandoned the street in the process of creating a site for a new four-acre shopping center to be built next to the chicken outlet.

The loss of Peerless Avenue has meant that waiting carpool vehicles now back up into Cutting Boulevard, at a key location which connects I-80 with San Pablo Avenue and BART. At times the back-up has clogged the turn lanes to San Pablo Avenue. The line of waiting cars has made it difficult for other drivers to exit the freeway and for pedestrians to use the cross walks at the intersection. Some drivers have tried to load passengers in a marked bus zone (and have received stiff fines for violating the vehicle code).

These on-going problems have prompted the city to become involved, for the first time, in the casual carpool

Rick Reichow, who runs the company's California operations, after the rally. Though some, he noticed, might have at first dismissed the event as "fluff," Reichow felt that, overall, employees were enthused and the new program would be a success.

Also, the rally comes at a time when Ladbroke is focusing more and more on its California operations, as it has, for example, moved its U.S. headquarters from Pennsylvania to the East Bay. For customers, changes beyond the new employee spirit will include lower admission prices and televisions added to each table in the Turf Club, all in time for the opening of the fall racing season.

And, as far as the two lawsuits against a proposed 150-table cardroom at the facility, Reichow said his company will continue fighting despite the recent setback at the California Supreme Court (the court refused to review an appellate court decision rendered partially in favor of the citizens for Responsible Government).

"We're continuing in the lawsuit, as we've said before," Reichow said. "At the end of the day, we'll live by what the courts say, I guess."

operation. City crews have painted a new white loading zone along the curb of a portion of Eastshore Boulevard, in front of the Foodco market, around the corner and about 300 yards from Church's.

The new location will allow more room for stacking of vehicles, away from the congestion of the major intersection. Parking will be allowed in the loading zone only after 9 a.m. Southbound vehicles can still exit the freeway at Cutting, pick up passengers and return to the freeway at Potrero. Passengers can still complete their round trips by bus or BART.

El Cerrito officials have begun distributing announcements of the new location, with maps, to casual pool users, both drivers and passengers. According to Police Chief Linda Fellers, "the city is designating a carpool passenger loading zone in the interest of public safety. Our efforts are simply to try to keep everyone safe and avoid traffic congestion. The City is not assuming any responsibility for the casual carpool operation. We trust that all drivers and passengers will continue to be individually responsible for their activities and behavior."

The city invites carpools to offer comments and suggestions by contacting the Community Development Department at 215-4382.



Bill Mann

Shopping, Old Chap? Even though it is the "official" beginning of the holiday season, the Christmas ads and displays, of which we have seen so many since the war, have been an American mercantile phenomenon. Just back from London, where, they say, decorations have been up for weeks in Harrods along with giant portraits of the late Prince and her beau, Dodi Fayed, the owner's late son, the holiday shopping tip: The stores are usually crowded on Monday nights when the 49ers are on TV.

The travelers also report that the *National Geographic* press hasn't been as one-sided as it has been led to believe on TV newscasts. "Some papers have been saying that a baby is still, he was killed by someone," said one friend. I don't often agree with KGO Radio's *Good Degree*. Burns, Burns' recent comments on pagne-popping in Britain after the many were inappropriate (there still being a dead baby) were correct.

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Speaking of the Britpress, I got a splendid Sunday Times, from my returning friend, Thunderer's splendid review of the current project airing there, "Tom Jones" — which year on PBS' "Masterpiece Theatre" — what a vast the gulf is between the level of TV criticism that country and our own. Present company: Times critic A.G. Gill on "Tom Jones."

"Any programme that has Brian Blessed in it to be filmed in utter darkness, thereby allowing the audience to conjure up mental pictures based on the sound of a fox hunt colliding with the *Spinal Inquisition* that is his unnatural dramatic voice." You might have surmised Gill doesn't like the version, rating it inferior to Albert Finney's 1963 winning 1963 film. Gill continues, crafting a pun: "I suppose I should say that 'Tom Jones' is slightly better than your run-of-the-mill-on-the-late-20th century Georgian Sunday evening series by those ghastly, sandpaper-guzzled lady who Gill further blasts series star Blessed before awarding pen at the overacting on these costumes currently inundating British television."

"The cast piles on the tics, lumps, hiccups, funny walks until the screen is a miasma of everyone semaphoring and gurning away like a 'Darling, do you think it would be OK if I didn't just come through the door, but rather, one leg, made a face like a breech-burled one with a cane, a hanky and a pair of quizzing glasses then screamed, 'The carriage awaits'?" "If the BBC is going to persist with this malarkey, and I expect the sedan industry will do," Gill concludes, "then there should be an absolute ban on mirrors on the set, costumes handed out blindfold at the very last moment, rehearsals should be done in the nude."

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Anyone else had same anatomical inspiration about where the ubiquitous radio pitchman David Orrick came of his eight-pound hotel vacuum cleaners? (That piece was an inspiration!). God, that man is One also wears at the excessive coverage of *Gina Barrett* slaying story. Well, by KPEX, it's Channel 5's hot sweeps story this month — something viewers were reminded of the other when Channel 5 dumped its regular programming to run a soy-extended, half-hour "news" on the arrest of creepy suspect James Nicolson. France. The special was, well, nothing special, were reminded all week that Channel 5 was station that had a reporter there to witness Nicolson's arrest. Big deal. Juliette Goodrich's report on nothing special, partly because she doesn't pronounce — French, (e.g., one learns in French example, that you don't pronounce the "s" in "le français"). A personal angle: Nivette and her girlfriend were both members of my health club. In fact, this jerk was served with Barrett's final order at the club just last month. Athlete there tell me this caused quite a stir, and that looked, well, surprised. Few members I've asked either party. (The abusive and controlling Nivette probably didn't want her speaking to others.) I neither the victim nor her abusive boyfriend and recognized them. Besides, I don't socialize with spending most my time within the glass court racquetball courts...

When Aussie sleazemaster/press czar *Roger Murdoch* bought Harper Collins recently, over 100 already-approved books dumped — best-selling authors were retained — one of the discarded was a book by *Brother Peter Reinhart*. James Beard-winning cookbook author and baker who came up with those wonderful *Bread Juniper's* breads and who also teaches at the Culinary Academy. Reinhart's also one of the of the bread section in the new *Joy of Cooking* prestige assignment. (Christmas-gift suggestion: jumped for "Joy" at Costco for only \$17.50.) Reinhart, "It worked out well for me. Not only to keep my Harper advance, but I was able to my book to another publisher." So Reinhart's bread book will be published next year by *Beard's* respected Ten Speed Press. Murdoch's loss by publishing's gain... Finally, in our holiday vein, a reader e-mailed a list of Ways to Tell You Being Stalked by Martha Stewart. Among them:

"You get a threatening note — made up of cut out of a magazine with pinkish shears. The same size, same font, and are lined up in a sharp row." Also: "You discover that every day your house has been folded into a swan." "Two weeks you've been the victim of a drive-by dog." Finally: "You find your kid's pet rabbit cooking stove — in an exquisite terracotta, rose-petal saffron demiglace with pecan-crusted hearts and a delicate mint-fennel sauce."

Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

Open Studios Tour

Berkeley Artisans Holiday Studios, the annual free self-guided tour, is Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can meet artists and see works in progress. Call for information on locations. Details: 845-2612.

Potters Guild Holiday sale

The Berkeley Potters Guild hosts its 26th Annual Winter Holiday Sale: "Brew Ha! Ha!" Nov. 29 through Dec. 21. Nineteen guild members display current works in the guild's gallery and throughout studios.

Russian Tea Ceremony, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by ceramic artist Julia Kirillova. Free. Nov. 29, Nov. 30, Dec. 6, 7, and Dec. 13 through Dec. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 731 Jones Berkeley. Details: 524-7031.

Messiah Sing

David Milnes conducts the 17th annual Messiah Sing on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Sing selections from Handel's "Messiah" with students, soloists, University Symphony Orchestra members and a participating audience. Bring your own score. Cost is \$10 to participate and proceeds benefit students in UC Berkeley's Young Musicians Program. Hertz Hall, College Avenue and Bancroft Way. Details: 642-9988.

'Midsummer' in Albany

See the first Shakespearean production of Albany High School's Theatre Ensemble; A Midsummer Night's Dream with a contemporary twist. Directed by Aaron Davidman, former company member of the California and Utah Shakespeare festivals. Shows are on Friday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., Saturday Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Located at 603 Key Route Blvd. For ticket information call 559-6500, extension 6588. Hope to see you at this exciting, hilarious production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

New Aurora production

Aurora Theatre presents "Dear Master" by Dorothy Bryant, Nov. 28 through Dec. 14. In 1863 Gustave Flaubert wrote to thank George Sand for her favorable review of his novel "Salammbô" and started a 13-year friendship by mail. Tickets are \$18 to \$25. Performances are Wednesday to Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Details: 843-4822.

Picnic time for Teddy Bears

The 14th Annual Teddy Bears and Friends Parade and Film Festival, is at the Pacific Film Archive Nov. 29 and Nov. 30, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Children will march through the theater with their bears to the tune of "The Teddy Bears' Picnic" and then see a series of films about teddy bears, dolls and animal pals. Admission is \$3.50 and the fun is at the Berkeley Art Museum, 2621 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Details: 642-1412.

Christmas Revels

The Christmas Revels, a theatrical celebration of the winter solstice with traditional and ritual songs and dances from Celtic Brittany, is at Oakland's Scottish Rite Temple Dec. 5 through Dec. 14. Tickets are \$12 to \$25 general; \$12 seniors and children under age 12. Performances are Friday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Dec. 6, 3 p.m.; Dec. 13, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Scottish Rite Theater is at 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Details: 893-9853.

Cal Performances offerings

Traditional Music of Bulgaria, Tuva and Russia, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. presents the Bulgarian women's choir Angelite; the Tuvan throat singers of Huun-Huur-Tu; and Russian clarinetist and singer Sergey Starostin performing with the Moscow Art Trio. At Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue. \$14 to \$26.

Ensemble Project Ars Nova: "Angeli: The Wind Was in Their Wings," Dec. 5, 8 p.m. This group specializes in music before 1850 featuring works by Hildegard von Bingen, works by composers of the Notre Dame school, and new works based on the theme of angels by Patricia Van Ness. At First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. \$28.

Details or tickets: 642-9988 or 762-BASS.

Messiah and other Christmas music

A service of Lessons and Carols, including selections from Handel's Messiah, will be held Sunday, Dec. 7, at Berkeley's Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Starting at 3 p.m., the program offers the opportunity to all participants to sing parts of Messiah, including some of the solos, as well as other music for Christmas. Scores of the entire Messiah will be available. Details: 524-2921.

Arts Festival and Auction

The Richmond Art Center's free Holiday Arts Festival and Auction, held to benefit RAC's exhibition, education and art reach programs for local youth is Sunday, Dec. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. There will be tours of the facility with demonstrations of various media and a sale of works created in RAC's studios, hands-on art projects for all ages (including gift making, frame making and hands-on glazing in ceramic studio) children's activities such as story telling and face painting, a raffle, a cafe of gourmet foods and a silent auction of artworks in the Main Gallery. Richmond Art Center is located at 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza. There is plenty of free parking. Details: 620-6772.

Ballet at Hilltop

Members of the Oakland Ballet will dance 30-minute performances of the holiday classic "The Nutcracker" at Hilltop Mall off I-80 in Richmond on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Between performances the audience can mingle with the costumed dancers.

North African music, stories at La Peña

Yassir Chadly and "Marhaba," featuring music, dance, and storytelling of Morocco, in concert with "Modupué," a multi-talented ensemble that features poet, Avotcja, on multi-percussions.

By Wanda Sabir

Sitting in Yassir and wife, Khadija's Albany home discussing the upcoming concert at La Peña Cultural Center, Friday, Nov. 28, there was so much to see — from the North African instruments, to the lovely ceramic urns, platters, and pots, made by this talented husband/wife team.

Yassir, who has lived with his family in Albany for 11 years, began performing professionally in Morocco when he was 16. In the U.S. he started a group known as Al Fayzeen, which in Arabic means "The Successful Ones," and now leads the group "Marhaba," or "Welcome!"

Friday evening he'll be playing various percussion instruments, "the bendjer," which looks like a tambourine without the metal shakers, and has string on the underside for strumming. He will also play the "tareja and 'dumbek,' clay drums, plus many string instruments, from the "oud," eleven strings, no frets, to his principal instrument the "gimbri," a rectangular three-string bass instrument, made with, among other things, the skin of a camel neck and a sardine can. He will also play the fret-less banjo, or "sneetra," and the "chumbesh," a banjo/oud combination.

Their 11-year-old son Ibrahim, who has been playing with his father for eight months, will play karkabas or clackers, along with Abdullah Fuson, who will also play other percussion instruments. Joining them will be Boushieb Abdul Hadi on violin, oud and —



Yassir Chadly (right, with his son) appears in concert with the ensemble 'Modupué,' featuring poet Avotcja (above).

what else — percussion. In "Marhaba," everyone sings.

"Marhaba's" style is traditional African call-and-response — their repertoire includes North African folkloric music as well as "Gnawa," Sufi spiritual music. Inviting and inclusive of all cultures, this group, which is highly improvisational, responds to the audience in a way that makes each performance a unique experience. Yassir, an internationally known and respected musician, has recorded with Pharaoh Sanders, Dizzy Gillespie and Randy Williams, and toured with saxophonist, Steve Coleman.

Add to "Marhaba," the jazz band "Modupué," which means "Gratitude to the ancestors" in the Yoruba language, and you've got an unparalleled evening of delight. "Modupué" features an all-star line up: poet, musician extraordinaire Avotcja on multi-percussions; Kash Killion, "Killion's Jillions" on cello, bass, and sarangi, an East Indian string

instrument played with a bow; Tarika Lewis on violin, Roland Jackson on mbira/percussions, Destiny on harp, Greg Winter on vocals with special guest vocalist, Imani.

I saw quite a few of the "Modupué" ensemble earlier this year at Dimensions Dance Theatre's 25th anniversary celebration, and I've seen Yassir numerous times with Pharaoh Sanders.

Avotcja, teacher, composer, KPFA radio host, poet, storyteller, vocalist, is also a versatile instrumentalist — flute, guitar, and small Afro-Latin percussion, who's been performing professionally since the age of 14, and comes from a tradition of music that spans multiple continents and includes an eclectic blend of styles: boleros, jazz, calypso, gospel, African, blues, salsa, and Euro-classical.

She has worked with Rahsaan Roland Kirk, John Handy, Horace Tapscott, James Newton, Eric



Dolphy, Black Arthur Blythe, Caribeana Etc., E.W. Wainwright, Shakiri & Rootworkers, and the already mentioned Dimensions Dance Theatre, where she wrote some of the poetry for the "Black Panther Project."

She says that saxophonist, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, whom she met at the infamous Boat-Ann Club in San Francisco convinced her that "life was sound," and she was a "sound junkie." It was his encouragement that helped Avotcja get on stage and do poetry with music, (something unheard of then.)

Many decades later, Avotcja's unique sound tells the story of who she is — an Afro-Puerto Rican griot — born in Brooklyn, raised in Harlem, world traveler, trying to spread a little joy along her way.

"Marhaba" and "Modupué," at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 8 p.m., will be fun for the whole family. Tickets: \$10 Details: 849-2568.

Free Community Orchestra concert

The 60-member Albany Community Orchestra will present a free public concert Sunday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Featured soloists will be Janet Small, violin, performing the "Romance" for violin and orchestra by Dvorak, and soprano Teresa Colyer, who will sing three short selections: "Voi Che Sepete" from Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro," "Sure On This Shining Night" by Samuel Barber, and "Velia" from "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by Franz Lehar.

Small has had a varied career as a professional musician and recording artist. She has a degree from Stanford, where she studied piano with Adolph Baller and computer music with John Chowning. A Berkeley

resident, she plays first violin in the Albany Orchestra, and appears with other local ensembles.

Colyer began her musical career as a singer. Since moving to the Bay Area she has performed as a soloist and ensemble singer with the San Francisco Opera Chorus, the San Francisco Chamber Singers, Bracebridge Singers, the Marin Symphony Chorus and numerous local churches. Colyer lives in Novato, plays violin in the Albany Orchestra and teaches 4th grade in El Cerrito and gives private voice lessons.

The orchestra, directed by Ernie Douglas, will also perform two movements from Beethoven's 3rd Symphony, Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture," and "The Russian Sailors Dance" by Gliere.



Featured violin soloist Janet Small.



'Kristalnacht' a room installation by Mona Higuchi and R. Lerman of 2-inch by 3-inch pieces of glass suspended by monofilament.

'Kristalnacht'

The Judah L. Magnes Museum presents "Kristalnacht," an installation by Mona Higuchi that commemorates Nov. 9, 1938 (known as Kristallnacht) when Nazi-instigated mobs broke synagogue glass, Jewish windows and committed other acts of destruction.

Other exhibits at the museum include "Jewish Pictorial Carpets from the Anton Felton Collection, London," 19th and 20th century carpets of silk, cotton or wool that depict Biblical, historical and other scenes; "Jews/America/A Representation," an exhibit of photographs by Frederic Brenner capturing the range of Jewish life today; and "The Passionate Search: Building the Collections of the Magnes Museum, 1962 to 1997," which traces the history of the museum since its beginning in 1962 as a single display case in the Oakland-Piedmont Jewish Community Center.

The museum is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Admission is free. Details: 549-6950.

Goings On About Town

■ Submissions to Goings on About Town must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Ongoing
UC Berkeley Research Project: Child Health and Behavior: specialists in childhood health and development at UC Berkeley's Child Study Center are looking for families with 4 to 8 year old children to participate in a research project on children's responses to the daily challenges they encounter. Children must be available for one visit to UC Berkeley's Child Study Center. Participating families will be compensated \$15 for their time. For more information call 643-2522.

Berkeley Public Library
Nov. 23, 1:30pm; 2090 Kittredge Children's Book Week, with a performance of The Patchwork Quilt and other Grandparent Tales by the acting troupe Stagebridge; Central Library; for more information on these free programs, call 649-3943.

The Albany Community Center
Nov. 23, 11:00am-Noon; 1249 Marin Ave. at Masonic in Albany
Jim Bidi & Paul E. Wogstarin "Happy Clown Theatre" and Singer Randy McCommons; call 652-5809 for tickets and birthday party reservations.

Lawrence Hall of Science
Mostly Music; through Jan. 11, 1998; science rocks in this interactive exhibit for the whole family filled with hands-on experiences with sound and music.
Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak, Berkeley; 642-5123; open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; \$6 adults; \$4 children 7 - 18, seniors, and students; \$2 for children 3 - 6.

Classes

Ongoing
The Art of Living Center; Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment; a gallery and gift shop offering original art and crafts. Each month the gallery section features different artists. Classes and workshops are offered in the studio at the rear of the building. This month's featured mixed-media artist: Jan Hart-Schuyler, creator of enchanting hand-made dolls; 2905 Shattuck Ave.; 848-3736.

Yoga at Noon: Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday mornings; Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518.

Berkeley Community Media; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; free orientation class to find out how to use the resources at Berkeley's Public Access Television Center. \$25 fee covers three part film & edit video class beginning Nov. 15; 1:30 - 4 p.m.; an express studio class will be offered Nov. 25 from 6 - 9 p.m.; \$10 fee.

Introductory Yoga Class; Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free class the first Friday evening of every month, and other free Friday evening events, where people can come together in the spirit of the community; 649-9812 for details.

Health, Fitness & Community Education; classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

Salsa Lessons; 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrer Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio
Tribal Bellydance with "Luna" Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose
Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

World Beat Workout with Kristi Rudolf
Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7 - \$9.

Community Events

Nov. 27
Albany Pool special holiday schedule; Nov. 27, 7-11 a.m., Nov. 28, 6-7:55 a.m., noon - 12:55 p.m., and 6:30 - 7:25 p.m. for lap swimming. Recreational swim will be 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. and 7:30 - 9:20 p.m. Sat. & Sun. hours are as usual. Sat. laps 7 - 8:25 a.m. & 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Sunday 1 - 2:25 p.m. & Sat. & Sun. 4:30 - 6:25 p.m. Recreational swim is 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. on both days. All Classes meet as usual. 559-6640

Dec. 1
World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigils; 6 p.m.; The Alameda County Teen AIDS Prevention Education Programs, (ACTAPEP), whose mission is to empower young adults in our communities to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, embarked on an effort to commemorate World AIDS day. The vigil meets at 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Please call Maria Aguilar with any questions, at 873-6507.

An Evening of Remembrance & Insights into the Changing Face of AIDS; 7 p.m.; A community program includes speakers from the front lines of HIV/AIDS services and biotechnology, as well as music, a participatory candle lighting ceremony and panels from the NAMES project AIDS memorial quilt. Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center 1414 Walnut Street at Rose in Berkeley; 848-0237.

Ongoing
Earn Your Wings: Adopt an Angel. The Salvation Army has chosen select Bay Area children whose families are on limited incomes or under special circumstances and are unable to provide a nice

Christmas. You will receive your "Angel(s)" card(s); you then purchase a gift asked for, or something of your choice. Angels are available now, and the gifts go out on Dec. 23, all gifts should be received at the Chamber Office by Dec. 18. If you would like to participate, please call 549-7003.

Buy Coffee, Rescue Animals; Mocha Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate \$1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Center; Willows Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

Moms in Community; Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially; Meet new people and building Christian friendships; Share the joys and challenges of parenting; Relax with a great group of diverse women; Enjoy a break from the demands of daily life. Fridays 9:30-11:30. Childcare begins at 9:15 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley; 2407 Dana St. Voicemail: 848-6252 ext. 558

Cars for a Cure; help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). Receive a valuable tax deduction and free towing and/or pickup. All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

Volunteers needed; Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program; Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Exhibits

Nov. 29
Berkeley Potter's Guild's Brew-Ha-Ha its 26th annual winter holiday sale; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; during the weekends of Nov. 29-30, Dec. 6-7, then the entire week of Dec. 13-21, nineteen guild members will display their works in the gallery and throughout their complexes of open studios. The guild is located right in the heart of Berkeley's artisan district, at 731 Jones St. at 4th St., just off the Gilman St. exit off-80. Call 524-7031 for more info.

Dec. 2
6 - 9 p.m. Seven retail stores and galleries on Tenth and Gilman Streets are hosting their first evening event to celebrate the completion of the center known as "Seven on Tenth." An evening of good cheer and great shopping at the seven new stores, each of which will remain open for the duration of the event, offering special discounts, festive music; Mal Sharpe with his Dixieland Jazz Band. 7 on 10th at Gilman; for more information call Colin Smith 528-2377.

Ongoing
Berkeley Watercolorists and Friends; Annual Group Show; Reception 4 - 6 p.m.; The show continues to run until Jan. 3, 1998. A show of bright and seasonal paintings. At Papa's Restaurant, 2026 University Ave., Berkeley.

Suzuki Studio Presents a show by Lewis Suzuki and other Berkeley Artists; Nov. 29 & 30, Dec. 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21. His studio is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Lewis Suzuki is a recognized watercolorist. The Studio is at 22440 Grant St. @ Bancroft, Berkeley. Call for an appointment: 849-1427.

Jewish Pictorial Carpets — From the Anton Felton Collection, London through Jan. 25; Magnes Offers Americans First Look at Rare Jewish Carpets. The Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. Berkeley, is open Sun. through Thui. 10-4, closed for Jewish and Federal Holidays. Museum information phone: 549-6950.

Firelight Holiday Seconds Sale 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 7 days a week through Dec. 23; Closed Thanksgiving Day. The one-time annual opportunity for public to purchase direct from the Firelight factory at drastically reduced prices. Up to 40% off all hand-crafted wood, from the finest hot-molten crystalline glass. 1000 42nd St. Emeryville (off Adeline, above San Pablo); look for the pink and white blimp.

FigTree Gallery; through Dec. 31; every weekend; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment; exhibiting the work of the 18 artists who are members; sculpture, drawing, photo. Prices are guaranteed reasonable. With "seconds" being offered at rock bottom prices. 2599 Eighth St. Space #42 Berkeley. For more info: 527-9311.

Joie De Vivre, Annual Holiday Extravaganza; through Jan. 4; work by 120 Gallery Artists. ceramics, class, jewelry, photography, painting, prints, sculpture, textiles. A.C.C.I. Gallery, 11652 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 843-2527.

Addison Street Windows to feature Interpretive Teapots by Child Artists; through Dec. 31; The exhibit showcases the works of over 100 kids, all of whom are students in the Kids 'N Clay Pottery Studio in West Berkeley. 2020 Addison Street and Shattuck in Berkeley.

Get in Here Again; through Jan. 11; this exhibit will bring together 15 artists representing a range of ages, experience and media. Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., Near Gilman. Please call Katrina Traywick at 527-1214 for more info.

Berkeley Artisans 1997 Holiday Open Studios

(A self-guided tour) Sat. & Sun. 11-5 p.m., Nov. 29 & 30, Dec. 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21. A free map is available listing all participants; over 100 artists and craftspeople open their working studios throughout South and West Berkeley. Admission is Free. Receive the map by mail: send a SASE to: Artisans Map, 1250 Addison St. #214, Berkeley, CA 94702. Pick up a map at the same address during the event. For other map distribution points call 845-2612.

"The Louis Stein Collection: The Neighborhoods of Berkeley"; through April, 1998; a new exhibit of the Berkeley Historical Society looks at Berkeley's neighborhoods and the UC-Berkeley campus in the form of photographs and other material; Berkeley Historical Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St.; 848-0181.

Oblations for the House of God; through Jan. 19; new paintings by Audrey Tulimier Welch; University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Ave., Berkeley; 843-6230.

Jewish Pictorial Carpets; through Jan. 25; carpets from the Anton Felton Collection, London; guest curator Murray Eliland; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Mildred Howard Installation; through Dec. 21; Howard's first one-person show in her home town; Berkeley Art Center Association, 1275 Walnut St., 644-6893.

"Viva Corazon!"; through Dec. 2; an exhibit of quilts celebrating life and love; New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave.; 527-6779.

"Kristallnacht"; an Installation; through Jan. 25, 1998; U.S. premier of Higuchi's crystalline piece; Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

"Saving Grace"; through Jan. 25, 1998; Women Helping Women. Benefit show of contemporary sculpture by women artists; A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., Berkeley; 525-7621.

Art Angelico: Angelopp in the Age of Aquarius; through November; an exhibition of paintings by Stephanos; Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Graduate Theological Union, 2401 Ridge Road, Berkeley; 849-2030; paintings are available for purchase.

Functional Pots; through Nov. 30; Akio Takamori show his work; TRAX Gallery, 1306 Third St., Berkeley; 526-3655.

"Lookpoetry"; 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Pastel work up through Nov. 30; with original prints being shown Dec. 3 - 29; Glenn Myles, well-known artist and teacher at CCAC; Madame's Gallery, 2748 Adeline St., Berkeley; 526-4613.

A Visit with our Elders; through Nov. 30; life sized portraits in acrylic by Joanna Katz, mixed media pictures by residents of Oakridge Care Center; Chaparral House, 1309 Allston Way, Berkeley; viewing hours 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Texas Death Row; through Jan. 8; photographs from the book by Ken Light, essay by Suzanne Donovan; UC-Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, Center for Photography, North Gate Hall, Hearst at Euclid.

Berkeley Watercolorists and Friends; throughout November; water-

colors by Marie Guelld and Nancy de Maranville; the Berkeley Watercolorists are a group of about 40 artists who meet weekly from March to November to paint and study together; Papa's Restaurant, 2026 University Ave., Berkeley.

Journey; through Dec. 10; the Albany Arts Committee announces an exhibit of images by travel photographer David Sanger; Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany; 524-9283.

Jews/America/A Representation; through Jan. 25; from "Rabbinic Couples" to "Jews with Hogs," Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors," to "Descendants of Levi Strauss," and celebrity portraits by French photographer Frederic Brenner; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Tall as Tall Buildings: The Work of Barry Simons; through Jan. 10; single color ink on paper, collage, even text; The Ames Gallery, 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley; 845-4949.

"Women Series"; through Jan. 2; an exhibit by Impressionist Painter Regine Pressler; reception for the artist Oct. 10 - 9 p.m.; Red Oak Gallery, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-3387.

Body Decoration from Around the World; through January; an exhibit featuring tattooing, body painting and scarification from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North America and South America, shown in photograph, illustrations, paintings, carvings and currency; Tattoo Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 548-5895.

Ichiyai Kuniboshi: Samurai Stories; through Dec. 28; 20 woodblock triptychs by 19th century Japanese printmaker, focus particularly on the warrior or Samurai stories and explore a nostalgia for a chivalrous past.

Ceramic Still Life; through Dec. 13; The California College of Arts and Crafts presents a survey of work by over 40 contemporary ceramic artist from throughout the United States; CCAC's Oliver Art Center at the Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway, 594-3650.

Berkeley Art Museum
Knowledge of Higher Worlds: Rudolf Steiner's Blackboard Drawings; through Jan. 4; surprisingly contemporary drawings done by scholar and mystic Steiner over 75 years ago.

Premonition: Luc Tuymans, Drawings; through Jan. 11; one of the most highly regarded artists working in Europe today, includes over 90 works done from the mid-70s to the present.

Bernard Maybeck Drawings; through Jan. 18, 1998; a selection of drawings from San Francisco's radical romantic architect and champion of the California Arts and Crafts movement.

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Lectures and Workshops

Ongoing
Reminiscent Writing as a Path to Personal Enrichment; 2 - 4 p.m.; a unique creative writing class offering a safe time and space for personal growth through recovering and writing about memories of experiences influential in our life histories; Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Ave. at Cedar Street; \$75 suggested donation, no one will be denied enrollment for lack of funds; 655-5646.

Literary Events

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore

Dec. 2; 7:30 p.m.; Carol Field, *In Norma's Kitchen: Traditional Italian Cooking and Culture from Italian Grandmothers*.

Dec. 4; 7:30 p.m.; Hank Rubin, *Spain's Cause Was Mine: A Memoir of an American Medic in Spanish Civil War* 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-3533.

Black Oak Books
Nov. 30; 7:30 p.m.; Hank Rubin, *Spain's Cause Was Mine: A Memoir of an American Medic in the Spanish Civil War*

1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 468-0698

GAIA Bookstore and Community Center

Dec. 2; 7:30 p.m., Dana Ullman, *Everybody's Guide to Homeopathy*

Dec. 3; 7:30 p.m. Patrice Wynne, Nina Lesowitz, Annette Madden with photographer Lief Zurmühlen & editor Patricia Martin present "The Right Side of 40;

Celebrating Timeless Women."

Dec. 4; 7:30 p.m.; Avram Davis presents, "Meditations from the Heart of Judaism."

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA.

Ongoing
WORD! a political poetry workshop; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Nov. 24; a free series for teens and adults; an exciting and supportive place to read, write, discuss poetry and grow as a poet in a political world; Berkeley Public Library, South Branch, 1901 Russell; 644-6860.

Meetings

Ongoing
Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program; 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Wednesday; B.O.R.P. welcomes new members to its Older Adults Program, people with disabilities who are 40 years or older join with others for social activities, fitness, excursions and fun; South Berkeley Senior Center; call Meg Stenger, 849-4663, to sign up (nominal membership fee).

McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club; 7 p.m.; every second and fourth Monday of the month; talking to yourself? McGee Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Avenue Church, 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more information.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics; 7:30 p.m.; the group meets each first and third Thursday of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

Greater San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; second Saturday of each month; offering help, information and support to families and/or caregivers of a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease through their support group program; St. Paul's AME Church, 2024 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; (415) 962-8111.

Toastmasters on Campus; 6:15 p.m.; practice public speaking in a supportive environment; every Tuesday; 2515

Hillgass Ave., Berkeley; 643-7645 (w) or Al Mar (w).

TOPS; 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.; Sensibly (TOPS) meets every evening; First Baptist Church, Solano helix; Albany; 524-9283.

TOPS; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. meeting; Albany; 524-9283.

Avatar Metaphysical; 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public and metaphysics classes; meetings first and third; Hillgass Ave., Ber.

Music

Ashkenaz
Nov. 27; 6 - 11 p.m.; Ganovim performing, gr. Nov. 28; 9:30 p.m.; Orchestra with Danny and Dance Lesson with Cheryl Nov. 29; 9:30 p.m.; with the Skeletons, Musical Mass, Eradicats, \$10 Nov. 30; 7 - 11 p.m.; Manuel, underground trance, disco, \$4, 1317 San Pablo Ave., 5054

Blake's
Nov. 27; House Tunes Music - 18 and over; \$5 Nov. 28; Jungle Blues & Hip-Hop; \$5 Nov. 30; Sunday Band; Dec. 1; Steve Gannon & day Blues Jam; \$5 Dec. 2; The Groove Jazz/Hip-Hop; 18 and over; Dec. 3; Atomic Wednesday NRG Techno/House/Hits; \$10 Dec. 4; House Techno Music - 18 and over; \$5 2367 Telegraph Ave., 0886

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The Maven has learned, with the help of a reliable source, of course, that Le Cheval, that stylish Vietnamese restaurant on Clay Street, downtown, will be spreading its wings once again.

Begun in a kitschy room in a dilapidated and eventually condemned building on Jefferson Street, surrounded by notorious street detritus, Le Cheval eventually moved to a huge, elegant storefront a few blocks away several years ago.

The Vietnamese restaurant, which probably serves more cops than any other Vietnamese restaurant in America — it's down the street from the main Oakland cop house — will be opening in two new locales.

The first will be to Berkeley's University Avenue at the end of the year; and the other will be somewhere in the Oakland Civic Center area in May of next year. The latter will not be a restaurant but a banquet hall where business people can have meetings, plug their laptops in, and have a bowl of pho.

The Maven's favorite dish at Le Cheval, by the by, is a mandala-like platter of marinated rare beef surrounded by lemons, mint, cilantro, peanuts and bits of fried garlic, in a sweet, vinegary sauce based in *nuoc mam*, the Vietnamese national condiment — anchovy sauce.

The new Elmwood Grill in Berkeley's Elmwood, of course, on College, is now serving breakfast.

After The Maven's mini-review of Autumn Moon last week, to which some didn't agree, people called to say, "You must try the brunches." OK.

For those of you, and you know who you are, who may be having a belated Thanksgiving dinner or even a second Thanksgiving dinner as so many of us here are not surrounded by traditional families but by our extended families, the Pasta Shop in Market Hall — the kitchen away from home for many of us — is offering Thanksgiving to go. Orders were taken up to last Monday, but The Maven bets you can get some good deals on those last minute, non-perishable items for that spontaneous Thanksgiving. Call 547-4005 and blame it on The Maven for your last minute — literally — holiday needs.

The Maven urges a trip down to Santa Barbara. It's only a hop, skip, and a jump, and a hop, skip, and a jump away. Seriously, winter is a nice time to spend in Santa Barbara, especially up in the Santa Ynez Valley where some wonderful wineries are producing some of California's top wines. Stay at the lovely Los Olivos Grand Hotel.

While up there, travel down through Lake Cuchuma and then down into town. Here's several dining spots: Michel Richard's Citronelle on the beach in the Santa Barbara Inn, Doug Margerum's Cuvee and Wine Cask, the Patio Restaurant at the secluded Biltmore Hotel on Santa Barbara Channel, and, of course, La Super Rica on Milpas Street. The others are on the fancy side, but La Super Rica is said to be Julia Child's favorite Mexican restaurant (she has a home in SB). There's always a line here, but it moves quickly. Everything is freshly made here, including three different types of salsa. The dining room is an outdoor patio hidden under shade trees. And the food (Mexican is not The Maven's favorite ethnic cuisine, is superb, delicious, and, of course, inexpensive (especially after some of those expensive aforementioned fancy shmancy joints).

Maven: One who thinks they know everything about something. Got a tip for The Maven? Fax it to 339-4066.

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401 Help Wanted

OFFICE Manager, part time for great office North Berkeley. Financial planner needs well motivated, organized individual. Working 25 hours/week, long-term desired. \$13/hour to start. Detail-oriented a plus. Fax resume: 510-849-1622.

OPTOMETRIC Assistant Receptionist wanted for established 3 doctor private practice in Rockridge area of Oakland. Good phone skills and communication skills required. Previous experience in a medical office desirable but not required. Looking for someone who works well with people, can handle many tasks at once, and is not intimidated by a computer. Full-time position with medical and dental benefits. Salary negotiable. Contact Sue: 510-655-3797.

PART-TIME assistant in family childcare. Must be very outgoing, experienced. Responsibilities include crafts, music, cleanup. ECE, car necessary. 339-9389.

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Paul's Car Clinic, 12925 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
Is registered by the following owner:
Paul Harris, 3937 El Monte Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Esmé Sehoure, 257 Riverview Dr., Vallejo, CA 94590.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 3, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6562
The Name of the Business:
Lithium Software, 65 Spar Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owner:
Matthew Ayres, 65 Spar Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 21, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6412
The Name of the Business:
The Sweet Spot Golf Center, 2901 E. 18th Street, Antioch, CA 94509.
Is registered by the following owner:
Paul Wright, 1111 James Donlon Blvd. #105, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 15, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 15, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6672
The Name of the Business:
Keeping It Real, 3900 G Kose Way, Richmond, CA 94806.
Is registered by the following owner:
Christiana Gray, 49 Parkview Terrace, San Pablo, CA 94606.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 27, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 27, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6551
The Name of the Business:
AAA Business Printing Co., 3377 Deer Valley Rd #240, Antioch, CA 94509.
Is registered by the following owner:
Judy Novotny, 3377 Deer Valley Rd. #240, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 21, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6522
The Name of the Business:
Net Pay, 2921 Barrett Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
Haider Gardizi, 2921 Barrett Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 20, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 20, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6938
The Name of the Business:
Accounting and Computer Solutions, 1849 Willow Pass Rd. #202, Concord, CA 94520.
Is registered by the following owner:

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Ferdin Seyyar, 130 Shereen Ln #48, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 6, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 6, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6536
The Name of the Business:
Total Property Maintenance, 1084-B Shary Circle, Concord, CA 94518.
Is registered by the following owner:
Paul Brown, 1000 Lila Del Ct., Concord, CA 94518.
Jeri Brown, 1000 Lila Del Ct., Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 21, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6492
The Name of the Business:
Consumer Advantage, 1084-B Shary Circle, Concord, CA 94518.
Is registered by the following owner:
Jeri Brown, 1000 Lila Del Ct., Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 1, 1996.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-5823
The Name of the Business:
1) Express Billing Service, 2) Expressly Billing Services, 4448 Valle Vista, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
P.O. Box 8936, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Are registered by the following owner:
Gwendolyn Mackley Joseph, 4448 Valle Vista, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 19, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 19, 1997.
The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6747
The Name of the Business:
Gullien Group, 255 Balcoita Court, Danville, CA 94526.
Is registered by the following owner:
Gabriela Garner, 255 Balcoita Court, Danville, CA 94526.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 29, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 29, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6793
The Name of the Business:
DBL Entries, 35 Adobe Dr., Concord, CA 94520.
Is registered by the following owner:
Donna Beverley Lippis, 35 Adobe Dr., Concord, CA 94520.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 31, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 31, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6582
The Name of the Business:
Bay Area Towing and Towing Services, 11100 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is registered by the following owners:
Ludmila Koltun, 1066 Grizzly Peak Blvd., Berkeley, CA 94707.
Bonnie Gouillardou, 1631 Lincoln St., Berkeley, CA 94702.

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File No. 97-6703
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 22, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 22, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6711
The Name of the Business:
Integrated Systems Technology, 885 Dolphin Drive, Danville, CA 94526.
Is registered by the following owners:
Saeed Teighpour, 885 Dolphin Dr., Danville, CA 94526.
Alexei Abras, 1125 Ranchero Way, San Jose, CA 95117.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 28, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6654
The Name of the Business:
DINK, 127 Midship Drive, Hercules, CA 94547.
Is registered by the following owner:
Sandra Lazzano, 127 Midship Drive, Hercules, CA 94547.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 28, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6758
The Name of the Business:
Symbiose Consulting, 345 Beacon Ridge Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owner:
Teresa M. Smith, 345 Beacon Ridge Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 1, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 1, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6625
The Name of the Business:
Simoneux Construction, 4608 Lincoln Dr., Concord, CA 94521.
Is registered by the following owner:
Christopher S. Simoneux, 4608 Lincoln Dr., Concord, CA 94521.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 23, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 23, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6838
The Name of the Business:
Heavenly Clean Professional Housecleaning Services, 2561 El Portal Dr. #C, San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
Diana Wilson, 2561 El Portal Dr. #C, San Pablo, CA 94606.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 3, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6848
The Name of the Business:
Anastasia Hill Press, 1371 23rd Street, San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
Mustafa Koksal, 2698 Sacramento St., Berkeley, CA 94702.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 4, 1997.

Public Notices

The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-6748
The Name of the Business:
Michelle's, 2331 Hilltop Mall Road, Richmond, CA 94806.
Is registered by the following owners:
Doug H. Yim, 3757 Lorena Ave. #1, Castro Valley, CA 94546.
Mikyoung Yim, 3757 Lorena Ave. #1, Castro Valley, CA 94546.
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 29, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 29, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6906
The Name of the Business:
Laptop Productions, 160 Hillcroft Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. P.O. Box 6071, Moraga, CA 94570-0071.
Is registered by the following owner:
Randy Tomas, 160 Hillcroft Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 5, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6868
The Name of the Business:
Adventure Magazine, 3213 G Street, Antioch, CA 94509.
Is registered by the following owner:
William Aulie James, 3213 G Street, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 28, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6827
The Name of the Business:
Grand Avenue Chocolates L.L.C., 1011 A Detroit Ave., Concord, CA 94518.
Is registered by the following owner:
Grand Avenue Chocolates L.L.C., 1011 Detroit Ave., Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 3, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6855
The Name of the Business:
97 Cent and Up, 1955 Monument Blvd. #4D, Concord, CA 94521.
Is registered by the following owner:
Wahidullah Bayat, 3707 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94521.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 27, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6855
The Name of the Business:
Sunset Digital, 2950 Bonnie Ln., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owners:
Christopher Edward Sweetstano, 2950 Bonnie Ln., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Gregory James Hemson, 2950 Bonnie Ln., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 4, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 4, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6862
The Name of the Business:
Phoenix Computers & Consulting, 1242 Summit View Drive, Concord, CA 94521-3501.
Is registered by the following owner:
Michael Kenneth Fernandez, 1242 Summit View Drive, Concord, CA 94521-3501.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 7, 1997.
The Journal November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6962
The Name of the Business:
Zapnet, 3000 Executive Parkway, Suite 150, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owner:
Satellite Online Solutions Corporation, California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 7, 1997.
The Journal November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6949
The Name of the Business:
Sterling Communities, a California General Partnership, 1655 N. Main St., Ste. 240, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owners:
Sterling Financial Investments, Inc., 1655 N. Main St., Ste. 240, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
H. Capital, Inc., 1655 N. Main St., Ste. 240, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 7, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7010
The Name of the Business:
Clean Way 2000, 1012 Trenton Blvd., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owners:

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November 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 7, 1997.
The Journal November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6941
The Name of the Business:
1) Karen Joy Studio 2) Karen Joy ... Designs 3) Karen Joy Atelier 4) Trompe L'oeil Joy, 120 Broadway, Suite 23 A, Richmond, CA 94804.
Are registered by the following owner:
Karen Joy, 120 Broadway, Suite 23 A, Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 6, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 6, 1997.
The Journal November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7084
The Name of the Business:
Pine Design, 1005 Broadway St., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
Wilfredo Ruben Barrios, 260 Kingsberry Pl., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 14, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 14, 1997.
The Journal November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6980
The Name of the Business:
Pillow Talk, 6408 Valley Oak Plaza, Martinez, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owners:
Suzy Quenneville-Orpin, 3661 West Rd., Lafayette, CA 94548.
Kathy Bernauer, 6408 Valley Oak Plaza, Martinez, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 4, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 4, 1997.
The Journal November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6822
The Name of the Business:
Mediterranean City Cafe, 508 P. Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owners:
Maria Gesteirumendi, 5116 Desmond St., #2, Oakland, CA 94618.
Shihli, 5116 Desmond St., #2, Oakland, CA 94618.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant will start to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in January, 1998.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 4, 1997.
The Journal November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6823
The Name of the Business:
1) Event Bartenders The Bartending Service 2) The Party Staffing Service, 6542 Portola Drive, P.O. Box 2014, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Are registered by the following owner:
Jenny A. Cordova, 6542 Portola Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 3, 1997.
The Journal November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6822
The Name of the Business:
Cal Printer Network, 742 Andrea Way, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owner:
Sabine Javed, 742 Andrea Way, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 3, 1997.
The Journal November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7010
The Name of the Business:
Clean Way 2000, 1012 Trenton Blvd., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owners:

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
EL CERRITO PLANNING COMMISSION
AND EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the El Cerrito Planning Commission and the El Cerrito City Council consider the matters described herein, at the dates, times and locations specified below:

- 1) Proposed rules and regulations for prohibiting entry to and/or exit from any area in the city, islands, curbs, traffic barriers or other features, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21500.
- 2) Proposed closure of vehicular access to and from Behrens Street at the El Cerrito Alameda, except for emergency vehicles.

- 1) **PLANNING COMMISSION:**
Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 3, 1997
Location: Council Chambers, Community Center, 7007 Mosser Lane, El Cerrito
Time: 7:30 P.M.
- 2) **CITY COUNCIL:**
Meeting Date: Monday, December 15, 1997
Location: Council Chambers, Community Center, 7007 Mosser Lane, El Cerrito
Time: 8:00 P.M.

Any person wishing to speak to the Planning Commission and/or the City Council on the matters listed above is invited to attend the meetings, and/or to furnish written comments to the Planning Commission, El Cerrito, CA 94530 prior to the respective meetings.
The Journal November 27, 1997.

Video Maniacs: State of the Art with Hectic

In a sense, we are all Video Maniacs. We anxiously await the opportunity to rent or buy the latest releases that make the magic of movies come alive in our own homes.

Video Maniacs has been in business for the past eight years. Co-owner John Khatri moved here from British Columbia four years ago. He wanted to expand his business acumen in Motel Management and create a new venture with promise. "I teamed up with my uncle Vani four years ago and was very excited about running a video store," says Khatri. This enthusiasm has resulted in a special addition to the "video-rental world" in Berkeley.

Video Maniacs specializes in movie rental and purchase of

cinematic favorites to bring home and share with friends and family. "I like this business because I get to know people and most importantly, the movies and the stars," says Khatri.

Beyond the movies and the stars are the state-of-the-art video games Video Maniacs make available to this Berkeley neighborhood. Modern technology is the key to the attraction of paying a visit here. Video games such as the SONY Play Station, Super Nintendo, SEGA and the Nintendo 64 game are featured. If you are interested in Laser Disk movie technology, Video Maniacs can provide what you need.

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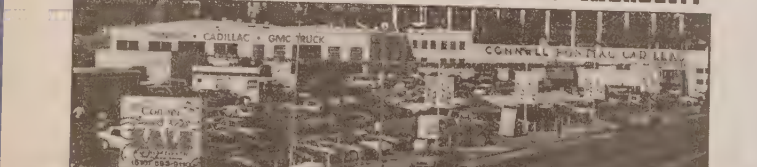
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Some closing day thoughts

Earlier I wrote about our experience looking for property in Massachusetts. We wanted to exchange a property we owned in California for a property where our daughter could live. Buyers in northern California are often surprised at all the things which do not happen on the day of closing.

After all the agony and the ecstasy of looking for a property, after the negotiating, inspecting, arranging financing, moving plans, final walk through, signing the main of loan documents and escrow instructions, on the day when it comes to pass and that dream house officially becomes yours, the buyer does the buyer do? Not many.

On that momentous day when it comes together, the deed is recorded in the county. This is arranged beforehand by the escrow company. Buyers and sellers are busy with other things. No crashing thunderbolts, no lightning. If you have a courteous buyer who is not too busy that day, the buyer will get a phone call: "Hi, this is Joe, your real estate agent. The escrow company completed the recording this morning and the house is yours. I'll leave the keys for you at my office. Have a safe trip home."

Our experience on "closing day" in Massachusetts was a bit different. I have no way of knowing if our

experience was typical, but here it is: Earlier we had asked our attorney (yes, buyers and sellers each have attorneys representing them) if we could sign our papers here. Traveling 3,000 miles to sign a few papers is not something you want to do without first asking if it is necessary.

"Well, I think I've heard of one or two cases where that has happened in the past," our attorney said in dire tones. "But...well...I think it's better that you be here." OK, just checking. No argument from me. What do I know? We went to Massachusetts.

On closing day, we showed up at the attorney's office promptly at 8:30 a.m., as instructed. There is no escrow. All paperwork is prepared by the attorney or his secretary. He went over the documents much as escrow officers here do, reciting by rote each provision and instructing us where to sign.

Parting gifts

Our real estate agent appeared with key rings, sweatshirts, and a gift certificate for dinner at a local restaurant, but otherwise did not have much to say or do at this point. We were told that normally the loan broker also attended signings, however in this case she called us and apologized for not being there, due to another signing taking place that morning.

We discovered several previously undisclosed items: It seems there were two rights of way over the property, without further elaboration. Also, part of the property was situated in a flood zone, al-

though fortunately not the structure itself. And we learned that the electrical service for a workshop was linked to the tenants meter, not the main. Later in the day, when we had a chance to investigate these conditions, they turned out not to be terribly significant, but it would have been nice to know.

The 'Closing Room'

We were then instructed to appear at the Registry of Deeds in Northampton in an hour. There we met the sellers, their real estate agent, and the two attorneys. We met in a room quaintly labeled "Closing Room," next to the main deed library. The lawyers spent another hour shuffling papers, checks, keys, and miscellaneous paraphernalia.

I do not know how the sellers felt about being in the same room with us, but we took advantage of the opportunity to quiz them about little things — the neighborhood, utility services, snow removal, the quirks and idiosyncrasies. We found the time well spent.

The attorney passed around the checks: a refund to us, the sellers proceeds, the attorneys fees, the recording fee, even the commission to the real estate agents. He made a call to the bank to make sure the checks were covered. It seemed curious that relatively high priced attorneys were attending to such mundane matters.

Fond farewells

Our business finished, we walked across the hall to the registry desk

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in the library. The attorney filed the deed with the registrar and paid the fee, which took all of two minutes. We walked out of the Registry of Deeds into the rainy autumn morning, accompanying the sellers to their car to collect some extra keys. There we shook hands and bid our farewells.

When they drove off, we looked at the keys and realized the property was ours. True, there was no thunder or lightning (although there was plenty of rain). But there was no mistaking that something important had just happened. California closings have always seemed anticlimactic to me.

Purchasing a home is a long, arduous, and stressful business for all parties involved — appraisers, lenders, real estate brokers, inspectors, sellers, buyers, insurance agents, escrow officers.

When it is finished, I think it is appropriate at least for the buyers and sellers, who have just shared a common experience on opposite sides, to acknowledge the fact and wish one another well.

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News sends interest rates to 8-month low

On Nov. 20 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage stood at 7.18 percent down five basis points from last week's average of 7.23 percent.

This is the lowest the 30-year rate has averaged since the week ending Feb. 16 when it stood at 6.94 percent.

In the third week of November 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 7.53 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.48 this week, down 5 basis points from last week's average of 5.53 percent.

A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.48 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market fell to 6.73, down 5 basis points from last week's 6.78 percent.

This time last year this

rate averaged 7.06 percent.

"The October Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index figures show inflation almost nonexistent, thus providing an atmosphere that is conducive to low interest rates," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist at Freddie Mac.

"Low mortgage rates are not only good news for consumers looking to either buy a new home or to refinance and existing loan, but they also they helped boost housing starts in October by about 1.4 percent."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

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Closure

Buyers and sellers in California usually do not have much to do with one another. That is probably a good thing during most of the transaction, when emotions run hot and a wrong word can spoil a deal. But at the end, a meeting such as the one we had provides closure. The simple act of walking across the hall together to record the deed takes on a symbolic significance that is lost when done *in absentia*.

As it turned out, we did not need to be present. It would have been quite sufficient to send our papers through the mail from California. But then we would have missed "closing day." That would have been a shame.

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1011 Morton St. - \$250,000
1126 Mound St. - \$218,000
1537 Paru St. - \$274,500
1609 Pearl St. - \$236,000
10 Remmel Ct. - \$283,000
124 Shprdsn Ln. #17E - \$220,000
1410 Sherman St. - \$182,000
1284 Weber St. - \$343,000

ALBANY
737 Gateview Ave. - \$249,000
1125 Nelson St. - \$390,000
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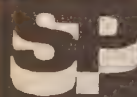
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Sunday Open Homes

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Prudential Real Estate, Vicki Woodhead 339-8460
- 1000 WILDING LANE, 4+bd/3+ba family home, new construction \$640,000
Prudential Real Estate, Nancy Platford 845-0211
- 1000 FAIRLANE DR, Montclair, 2+bd/2+ba, bay vws, serene setting \$825,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 RUTLAND RD, New 4bd/2+ba, almost finished, level-in, yd \$584,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 AQUARIUS WY, Nw Construction! 4+2/2, Views, WOW price! \$539,000
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Laura Kroeger 845-4455
- 1000 MOUNTAIN BL, 3+bd/3ba craftsman, new construction! charm \$499,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 HARBOR DR, 5bd/3ba designed form entertaining, remod kit \$499,000
Prudential Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 1000 REDWOOD RD, Ridgemont, 3bd/2+ba, bay view, move now! \$399,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 RUTLAND RD, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, kit family room combo \$379,000
Prudential Union, Donna Costella 339-8460
- 1000 CASTLE DR, P.Pines, 4bd/3ba, charm & location, walk to schls \$369,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 HOLYWOOD DR, Montclair, 3bd/3ba custom ranch \$325,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 AZALEA LN, 3/2 private contemporary, cul-de-sac, valley view \$315,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 BOULEVARD WY, Large 3+bd/2ba craftsman home, huge yd \$309,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 VIEW PL, Rockridge, corner Pleasant Valley & Montgomery. Starting \$200,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 LAWTON AVE, Rockridge, charming trad! 3/2, h/dw, deck \$299,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 CREST AVE, Large 2bd/2ba w/SF view, lg rumpus room \$229,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 SHAFER, Temescal Victorian, 2bd/kit/ba up, 2 rms/kit/ba dwn \$175,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 BIRDSONG, Maxwell Park, 2bd/1ba, built-in, charm, more! \$164,800
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 ORANGE ST #2, 2bd Med twine, corner fpl, courtly entry, charm \$154,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- 1000 FOOTHILL BLVD, 3bd/1+1/2ba, must sell, bring offers! \$144,500
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- ALBANY** Open Sunday
- 1000 KEY ROUTE BLVD, 3 1/1, central location, sunny, storage, yd \$256,000
Prudential Union, Nancy Moore 339-8460
- BERKELEY** Open Sunday
- 1000 PRINCE ST, 4/2, sunroom, deck, special attic rm, don't miss! \$449,000
Prudential Real Estate, Nancy or Gaynel 337-6670
- 1000 BUENA VISTA, Bay vw from 2 levels! 2bd/2b, dramatic interior \$395,000
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- EL CERRITO** Open Sunday
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Prudential CA Realty 845-0200, Lorraine Osmundson 526-4566
- PIEDMONT** Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm
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Prudential CA Realty 339-8290, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206
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Northbrae Properties hosts show and sale

The Fifth Annual Northbrae Properties Holiday Art Show and Sale will be held Sat., Dec. 6 and Sun., Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show, hosted by former Berkeley Board of Realtors president, Anita Thede, benefits the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center.

Each year, Northbrae staff and volunteers from the center transform Northbrae Properties offices into a holiday fantasy of arts and crafts. Located at 1600 Hopkins Street in the Monterey Center, the show attracts holiday shoppers looking for special gifts created by local artists.

The Women's Daytime Drop-in Center, located in a small house in a quiet Berkeley neighborhood, was founded 10 years ago to provide homeless women and their children with a safe, daytime refuge where they can receive support, food and access to emergency survival resources.

"What's most exciting about the show is the quality and variety of gifts provided by Berkeley artists," said Northbrae owner, Anita Thede. "And we're able to directly support the Center because we carry all the overhead and administrative costs of this event. Our customers like that."

"They know they're spending money on quality gifts and, at the same time, supporting a vital local program serving the most vulnerable members of our community - homeless women and their children."

This year's show features Cameron Chardoul's handmade jewelry, crafted from antique pieces gathered from around the world.

Ceramist Robert Edney, a regular contributor and driving force behind the benefit, will display his one-of-a-kind fountains and a selection of his popular pottery. Edney's fountains are fully functional and make delightful accents for a home-office or small garden.

Hand blown glass by Dan Reilly and glassworks by Linda Cohen, as well as gilded and custom holiday ornaments add a festive and joyful seasonal spirit.

Suzanne Lutz returns for the second year with an elegant array of decorated boxes; and jewelry by Toba Schwartz and goldsmith Katherine Brewer round out the show.

"This effort is really about the spirit of Berkeley," Thede said. "It's a celebration of the wonderful artists who contribute so much to our community and a way to honor and support the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center's efforts to end homelessness."

"People do their holiday shopping here knowing this is a great way to ensure that the Center continues this important work."

For more information about the show or for directions to Northbrae's offices, call 526-4336. Northbrae Property is located at 1600 Hopkins Street, Berkeley.

Seniors, avoid scams

Each year the Contractor's State License Board receives 30,000 complaints. Almost 7,500 of these complaints deal with unlicensed contractors.

In recognition of Older Californians Month, the board has made available a brochure with

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To receive a copy of "What Seniors Should Know Before Hiring a Contractor," call (800) 321-2752 or write to Contractors State License Board, P.O. Box 26000, Sacramento, CA 95826.

Homes

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- ALBANY**
- TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$104,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$390,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$218,750
- BERKELEY**
- TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST PRICE: \$79,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$780,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$288,391
- EL CERRITO**
- TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$135,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$253,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$194,000
- EL SOBRANTE**
- TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$86,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$155,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$125,000
- EMERYVILLE**
- TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$143,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$176,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$159,500
- OAKLAND**
- TOTAL SALES: 62
LOWEST PRICE: \$60,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$590,000

- AVERAGE PRICE: \$180,282
- PIEDMONT**
- TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$450,000
- RICHMOND**
- TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$86,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$216,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$142,900
- SAN LEANDRO**
- TOTAL SALES: 27
LOWEST PRICE: \$78,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$332,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$167,666
- SAN LORENZO**
- TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$183,500

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LOCATION AND CHARM.....\$369,000
Sited in desirable neighborhood, charm and comfortable living in quiet & woody surroundings. Large family room with fireplace, bright eat-in kitchen. Easy walk to schools. CARIN CAROE 339-8900 x 218

UNDER CONSTRUCTION 4BR/2.5BA.....\$549,000
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If you want charm/cuteness this large, simple clean home isn't for you. It's big: 4BR, 3BA, family room, all on a large, simple .3 acre lot within easy walking distance to Village. NICK LAVROV 339-8900 x 219

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2+BR, 2.5BA, over 2,000 sq ft, large family room - could be 3rd bedroom, lovely decks and gardens. VICTOR FIERRO 339-8900 x 248

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MONTCLAIR CUL-DE-SAC.....\$315,000
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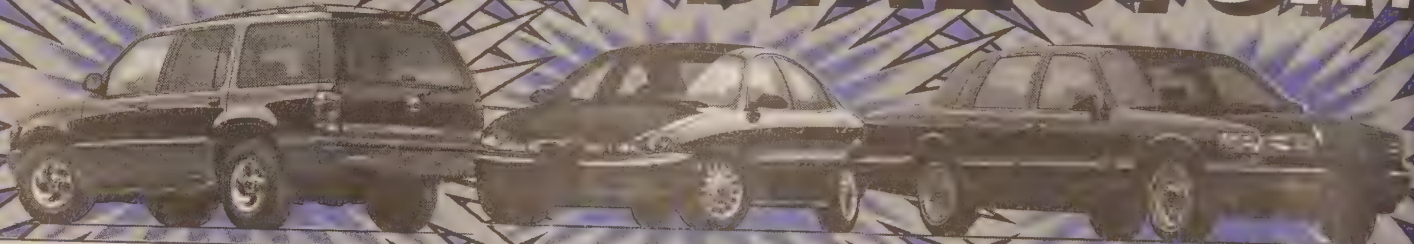
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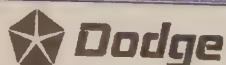
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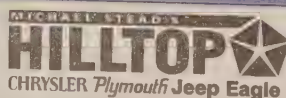
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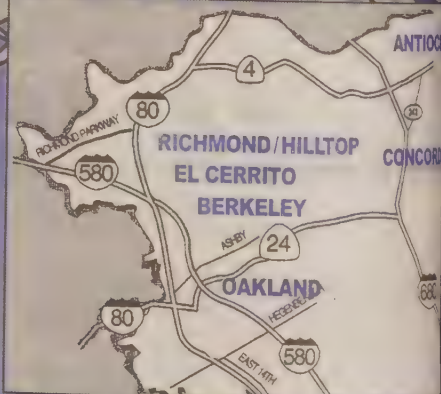
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Come Share in Oakland's 'Holiday Magic'

The Oakland Holidays Committee presents the 1997 guide to holiday events. Many events are free to the public call the number given for details.

Again this holiday season, there will be free parking all day long in the city-owned garages and free two-hour parking at all parking meters in shopping districts throughout Oakland.

Be sure to pick up a free shopping bag and enter to win a \$1,000 shopper's cash prize at participating retailers.

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Holiday Events

Doctor Doolittle's Thanksgiving

Children's Fairyland
Lakeside Park
Sat., Nov. 22
Sun., Nov. 23
Noon to 4:30 p.m.
238-6876

Tree Trimming Party

Jack London Square
Tues., Nov. 25
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Sat., Nov. 29
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444-2187

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La posada de Maria y José



Mexico's traditional La Posada celebrates Mary and Joseph's pilgrimage to Bethlehem. The symbolic nine-day journey culminates on Christmas Eve.

The Posada began in the 16th century as a liturgical procession, but is still celebrated today in Mexico and in communities around the United States.

The Christmas posada means going to another town, looking for a place to stay, but finding no place to stay. "Maria Gonzalez of Albany, Mexico, people dress up like Mary and actually ride a donkey to head the procession." Religious meanings and customs intertwine with party elements in the holiday celebration. Praying the rosario (prayer) mixes with the singing of songs and dancing.

"I give the posada, for example," says Gonzalez, "there will be a knock on my door. Someone will be singing and playing guitars. They'll come to my door asking for the posada. We'll answer from inside, singing them in. Then everyone sings joyfully, 'I'm happy to have you in my home.'"

On the last day, Dec. 24, in the middle of the night, worshippers go to church and celebrate mass. The church service is the culmination of La Posada. During Christmas Eve mass, the image of Jesus as a baby is also a central element. A baby from the nativity is placed in front of the altar and covered with a sheet. In a dramatic moment, someone

pulls off the sheet and the baby appears.

A party might take place at the church with pinatas and other traditional means of celebration. Or everyone might proceed to a private home to enjoy a party that goes on until morning.

"We combine faith and fun," says Gonzalez.

The Christmas traditions of Mexico will come alive at the Zellerbach Hall on the UC-Berkeley campus Sunday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m.

Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano and Ballet Folklórico Ollin bring us "Fiesta Navidad," Dec. 7 at UC-Berkeley.

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Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, an ensemble which won fame and acclaim when they collaborated with Linda Ronstadt on the best-selling album "Caniones de Mi Padre," will bring us an exciting celebration with music, dance and colorful theatrics for the entire family.

The mariachi band will be joined by Ballet Folklórico Ollin. Tickets are \$14, \$20 and \$26 and are available through Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall (642-9988); also available at BASS outlets and through BASS charge-by-phone 762-BASS; or purchase at the door the day of the performance.

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dance celebrating the traditions of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Solstice. The program will be co-produced by the Downtown Berkeley Association, the City of Berkeley, Tupper & Reed Music, the Berkeley Conference Center and

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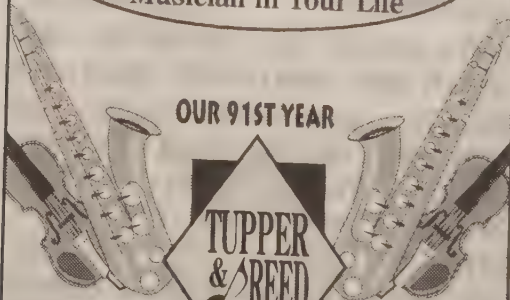
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Berkeley City Ballet Performs *Nutcracker*

The Berkeley City Ballet performs the City's only traditional full length version of the *Nutcracker* at the Berkeley Community Theatre located at 1930 Allston Way in downtown Berkeley.

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The Berkeley Farmers' Market presents its annual Holiday Crafts Fair on Saturdays, December 6, 13, and 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Veteran's Building auditorium adjacent to Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center Park. The fair, featuring handmade gifts by local artisans, will benefit the Ecology Center. Admission is free. The fair is wheelchair accessible and convenient to both BART and the shoppers' shuttle.

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Christian and Jewish holiday celebrations fall side by side this year.

Hanukkah, the eight-day observance of Jewish freedom, begins Dec. 24, just one day before Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Dec. 25. While Christmas never wavers from its December date, Hanukkah is observed according to the Hebrew calendar — a lunar-based calendar with only 354 days — on the 25th day of the month of Kislev.

In contemporary Jewish life, Hanukkah is celebrated with nightly kindling of special Hanukkah candles in a nine-branch candelabra or menorah, community and family gatherings, gift exchanges and public

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Information on Bay Area holiday gatherings, gift bazaars and public events can be ob-

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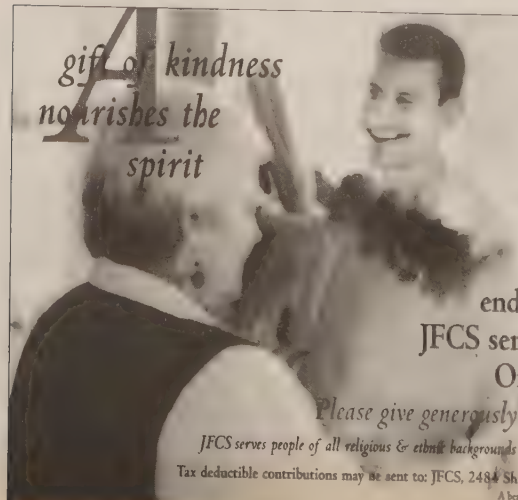
Jewish life in the Bay Area.

A relatively minor festival, Hanukkah gained prominence in modern times because of its proximity to Christmas. Its celebration commemorates the victory of a small group of Jewish Maccabees over the Seleucid Greek Empire led by Antiochus about 200 B.C.

Antiochus set out to suppress the Jewish religion and it with Greek idol worship. The Maccabees recaptured Jerusalem Temple and kindled eternal light in the Temple. The special oil which they used to last only one night, the oil lasted eight days, enough to replenish the supply.

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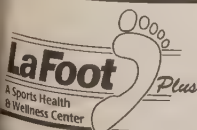
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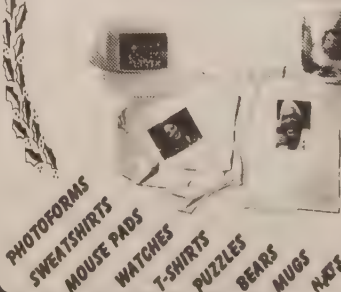
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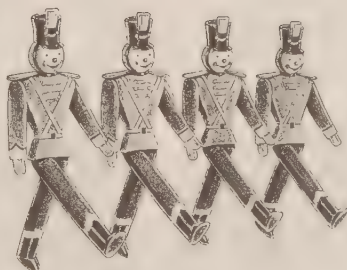


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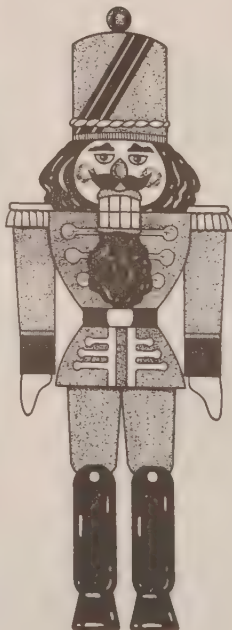
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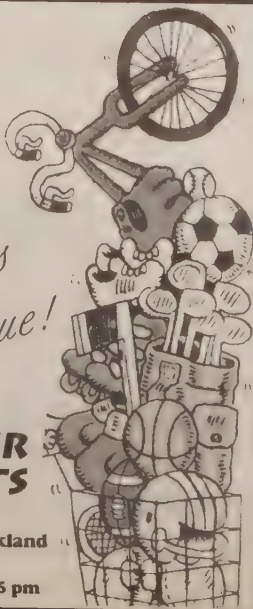
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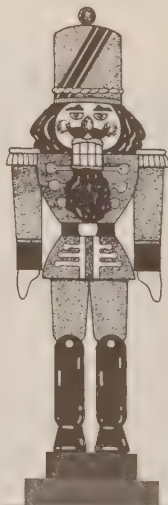
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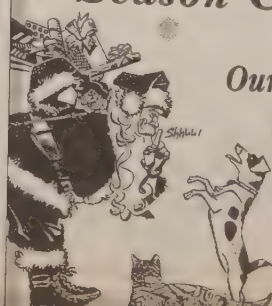
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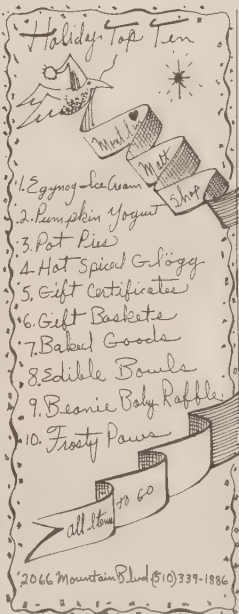
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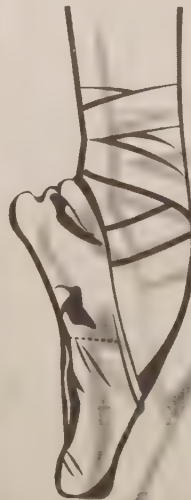
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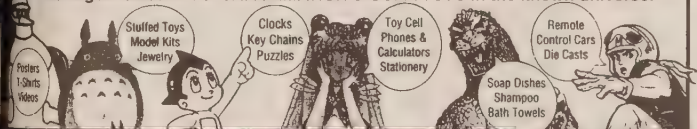
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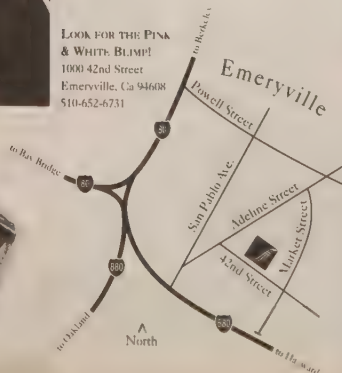
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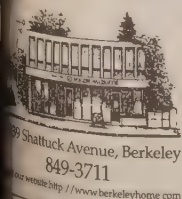
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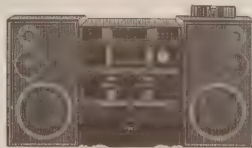
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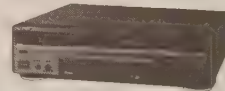
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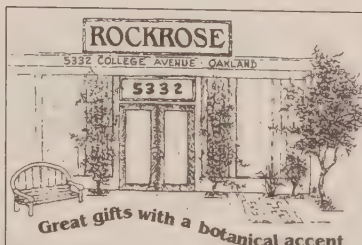
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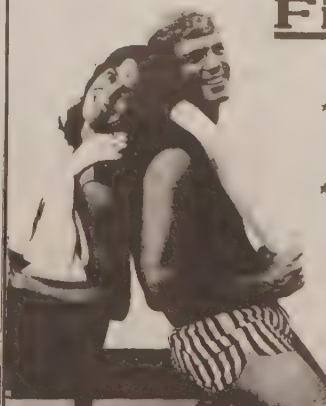
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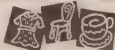


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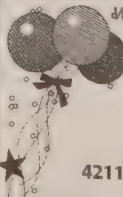
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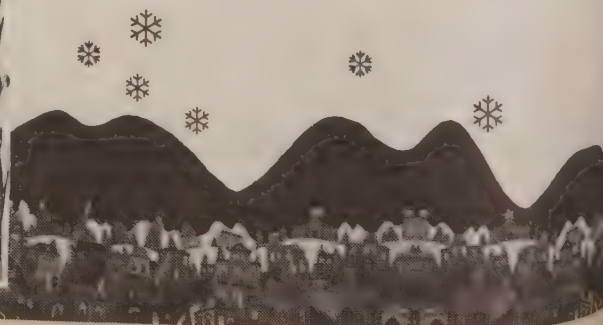
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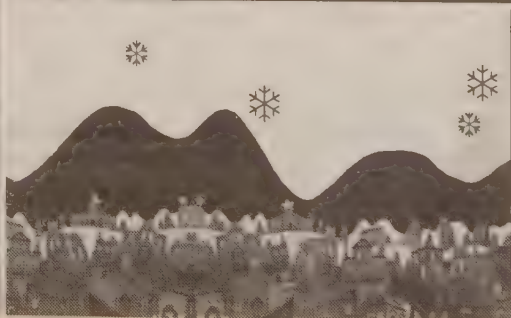
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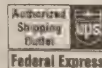


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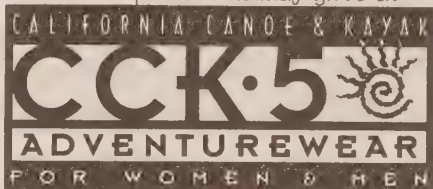
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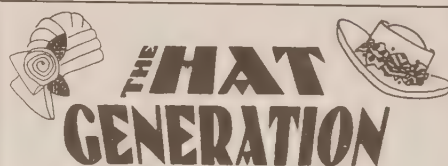
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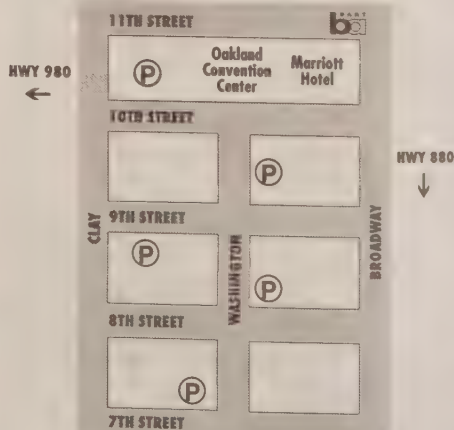
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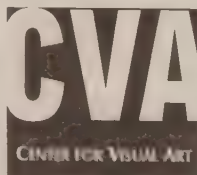
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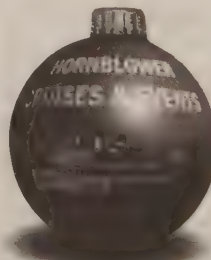
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By Josh Butrin

The Christmas season is here again, and with it memories of Christmases spent swinging the new Louisville slugger dangerously close to Grandma's porcelain nativity scene.

I don't know what it is about Christmas that inspires Santa to bring me various sorts of athletic apparel and equipment year after year.

One Christmas, I found a brand new Pittsburgh Steelers uniform under the tree, complete with scaled-down shoulder pads and helmet.

After a dinner of stuffed turkey — which had the moisture content of the Mojave Desert — I ran outside, undaunted by snow and ice. I spent the next half-hour tackling every snowman on the block, including two snowwomen and a snowdog.

In my own mind I was Jack Lambert, punishing the opposing offenses with brutal, bone-crunching tackles.

In the minds of our neighbors however, I was an evil little twerp, bent on the immediate destruction of every snow creature in the neighborhood.

Needless to say, I spent the better part of that holiday in my room, contemplating the true spirit of Christmas and cursing a severely swollen fanny.

The next year my dad got tickets to a minor league hockey game. While I was enjoying my fourth cup of hot cocoa and looking at the rather explicit tattoo on the arm of the fat, hairy, hockey fan sitting next to me, a small, round disk came flying out of nowhere and attempted to penetrate my 5-year-old cranium.

It succeeded in causing me to lose consciousness — and the three-and-a-half cups of hot cocoa.

The hockey team invited



Photo by Debra Jensen

"After a dinner of Christmas turkey — which had the moisture content of the Mojave Desert — I ran outside, undaunted by snow and ice."

me down to the locker room and gave me an official jersey with all of their names scribbled on it.

I was an instant hockey fan and began an active Christmas campaign for my very own pair of hockey skates and stick.

I was painfully successful in my endeavors that year, and after a Christmas turkey that resembled the granite crust of Mount Sumitomo on the outside and the Great Yukon Glacier on the inside, I ran down to the pond, not even noticing the sub-zero temperatures outside.

It was my first experience with hockey skates. Needless to say, I spent another Christmas recovering from a swollen fanny.

I remember one specific Christmas when I noticed a package that resembled a basketball in both size and shape. When the big moment came and the colorful Christmas cheer was reduced to a pile of minuscule fragments of wrapping paper, I was left holding a *National Geographic* glowing globe of the earth.

My father must have noticed a trace of disappointment on my face, because he asked me to go into the hall closet and fetch another gift he forgot to wrap.

It was an official Spalding

outdoor basketball.

As soon as we had dispersed with that year's turkey offering — which was actually pretty good, except for the gravy, which tasted like something in a small plastic bottle labeled Elmer's — I went out to the basketball hoop.

As fate would have it, I ended up underneath the hoop, flat on my back, thinking about yet another Christmas spent sporting a swollen fanny.

This year, due to my advancing age and the high cost of medical treatment, I have decided to adamantly protest the presence of any sports-related paraphernalia under our tree and instead will attempt to circumvent fate and spend a painfree Christmas.

Now all I need to do is figure out what I want for Christmas ... maybe a new set of golf clubs?

(Josh Butrin is a freelance writer, a resident of Castro Valley and a diehard sports fan.)

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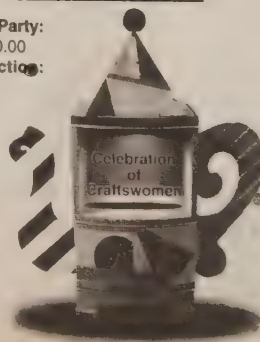
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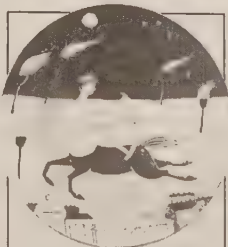
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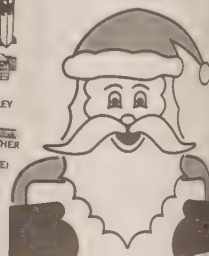
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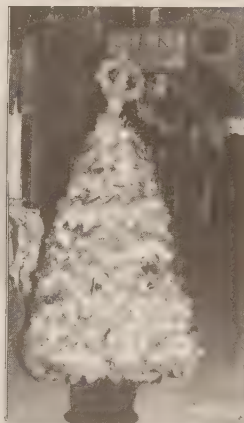
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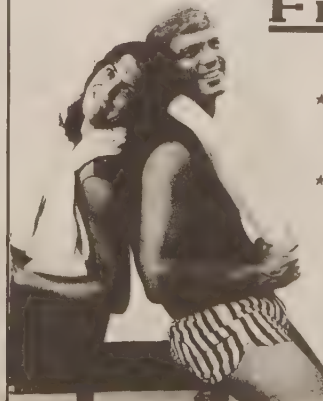
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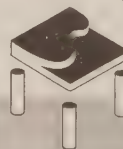
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Soak the beans overnight. Rinse, drain. Salt to taste. Add the secret seasonings and ham hock. Cover with 4 to 5 cups of water and bring to a boil. Turn heat to low. Cover, simmer 1 to 2 hours, or until tender, stirring occasionally.

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(Recipe is from "The Secret to Tender Pie: America's Grandmothers Share Their Favorite Recipes," by Mindy Marin)



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Christmas decorations at the Mormon Temple are always a treat to see. If you've never stopped to see the larger-than-life outdoor Nativity scenes illuminated by endless strings of Christmas lights all set against a backdrop of spiraling fountains, do it this year. A good night to go would be Wednesday, Dec. 17, when you can hear the Christmas "Concert on the Hill." It will feature seasonal German music presented by the Oakland Männerchor and members of the Freundschaft Liederkreis. Damerchor Liederkreis and soloists, conducted by Maestro Dietrich Erbeling. The concert starts at 8 p.m. and admission is free. The temple is located at 4766 Lincoln Ave. in Oakland.

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By Dominic Gamache

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Both have regained popularity with the help of designers such as E.M. Merck of Old World Christmas, the Steinback family, Christopher Radko, and local artisan Larry Fraga of Dresden Dove.

Whether it is brightly colored balls or whimsical figures, glass ornaments seem to possess a bit of magic which radiates from within.

Many of the images that first became popular among the Germans often symbolized their beliefs. Blown glass birds, with spun glass or tinsel tails, were among the most popular of the ornaments as they were considered to be messengers spreading God's love and peace to the world.

Pinecones, often brightly colored and sprinkled with glitter, were symbols of motherhood and warmth. Glass reproductions of fruits, nuts, and vegetables were hung in gratitude for a bountiful harvest. Teapots symbolized the hospitality of the season and mush-

rooms insured good luck in the coming year.

Other popular ornaments were replicas of what were the fascinations of the time; flowers, instruments, animals, and of course Santa. Today, we see these and many more designs representing almost every facet of life become available as the

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popularity of these handmade ornaments grows.

Hand-carved nutcrackers were first made by miners in the Ore Mountains of Eastern Germany as a way to pass the cold winter nights. They commonly carved figures of authority such as, kings, police, and army officers as a joke against their superiors, who better to assist them in a menial task of cracking nuts than the king?

When the mines of the region were depleted, families used their wood carving skills to sustain themselves. As the demand grew new figures were added and people started collecting them for their whimsy and not their function.

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Many of the ornaments still blown in the small town of Lauscha, Germany, are brought to the painters' shops to be finished. Here they are silvered on the inside to give them luster and then painted with as many as 20 colors, each must dry before the next is applied.

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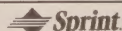
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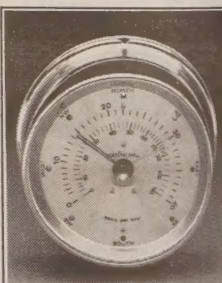
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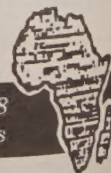
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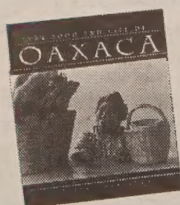
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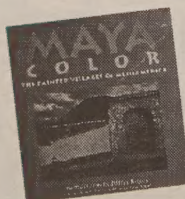
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